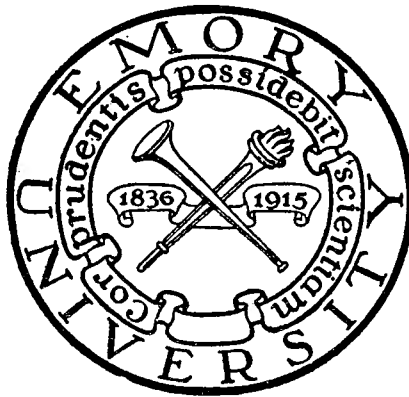


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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
Wednesday, October 26, 1898, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Senators-elect for the years 1898 and 1899, met at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 26th day of October, 1898, in the Senate Chamber, and were called to order by the Hon. Wm. Clifton, Secretary of the last Senate.

The Secretary of State submitted to the Secretary the following certified list of Senators-elect:

- First District—A. W. Grovesstein.
- Second District—William Clifton.
- Third District—J. R. Dowling.
- Fourth District—Rufus S. Lang.
- Fifth District—R. G. Dickerson.
- Sixth District—W. S. West.
- Seventh District—W. S. Humphreys.
- Eighth District—J. L. Hand.
- Ninth District—R. B. Odom.
- Tenth District—E. L. Wight.
- Eleventh District—T. C. Sutton.
- Twelfth District—A. P. Passmore.
- Thirteenth District—W. A. Dodson.
- Fourteenth District—Mark T. Hodge.

Fifteenth District—E. K. Wilcox.  
Sixteenth District—R. J. Moye.  
Seventeenth District—J. A. Brannen.  
Eighteenth District—William Little.  
Nineteenth District—Columbus Heard.  
Twentieth District—William Rawlings.  
Twenty-first District—J. S. Wood.  
Twenty-second District—J. F. Redding.  
Twenty-third District—W. E. Steed.  
Twenty-fourth District—Leonidas McLester.  
Twenty-fifth District—J. H. McGehee.  
Twenty-sixth District—S. T. Blalock.  
Twenty-seventh District—B. E. Thrasher.  
Twenty-eighth District—S. T. Wingfield.  
Twenty-ninth District—M. W. Gross.  
Thirtieth District—George C. Daniel.  
Thirty-first District—M. T. Perkins.  
Thirty-second District—J. W. H. Underwood.  
Thirty-third District—J. K. Thompson.  
Thirty-fourth District—W. M. Morrison.  
Thirty-fifth District—R. T. Nesbitt.  
Thirty-sixth District—J. Render Terrell.  
Thirty-seventh District—W. J. Davis, Jr.  
Thirty-eighth District—W. C. Bunn.  
Thirty-ninth District—W. J. Webb.  
Fortieth District—W. J. Greene.  
Forty-first District—Thomas R. Johnson.  
Forty-second District—R. T. Fouche.  
Forty-third District—C. N. King.  
Forty-fourth District—W. E. Mann.

The foregoing official list was called to ascertain the presence of a quorum. This having been done, and a quorum being present the blessing of God was invoked by the Rev. J. W. G. Watkins, at the request of the Secretary.

Senators-elect then presented themselves at the Secretary's desk and took the prescribed oath of office, the same being administered by the Hon. Jno. S. Candler, Judge of the Stone Mountain circuit. The Secretary then announced that the next business in order was the election of a President of the body.

Whereupon, Mr. Wingfield placed in nomination for that office the Hon. Wm. A. Dodson, of the county of Sumter. This nomination was seconded by several.

There being no other nominations, the call of the roll was proceeded with, Senators voting viva voce.

On casting up the vote, it appeared that Hon. Wm. A. Dodson had received forty-two, the entire vote cast.

The Hon. Wm. A. Dodson having received a majority of the whole number of Senators, was declared duly elected President of the Senate.

The Secretary appointed a committee of three to acquaint the President of his election, ask his acceptance and conduct him to the presidential chair.

The Secretary appointed Messrs. Sutton, Wingfield and Brannen.



The committee performed the duty imposed and the President-elect being conducted to his chair, rose and addressed the Senate, and at the close of his address called the body to order.

He then announced the election of a Secretary as the business next in order, and that nominations for that office would be received.

Whereupon, Mr. Steed, of the Twenty-third district, placed in nomination the Hon. C. S. Northen of the county of Fulton.

The nomination of Mr. Northen was unanimously seconded.

There being no further nominations, the President ordered the call of the roll for the election.

It appeared, upon casting up the votes cast, that Hon. C. S. Northen had received forty-three, the entire vote cast.

The President declared that the Hon. C. S. Northen having received a majority of the entire Senate, was duly elected Secretary.

The President announced the election of a President pro tem. as the next business before the Senate, and that nominations were in order for that office.

Mr. Blalock, of the Twenty-sixth district, nominated the Hon. J. Render Terrell for that position.

This nomination was seconded by several.

There being no other name presented for this office, the call of the roll was proceeded with, resulting in the Hon. J. Render Terrell receiving forty-three votes, which being a majority of the whole Senate, the President declared him duly elected President pro tem.

The next business was the election of Doorkeeper.

Mr. King, of the Forty-third district, nominated Mr. R. E. Wilson of the county of Whitfield.

Mr. Perkins, of the Thirty-first district, nominated Mr. Green.

Mr. Wilson having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected Doorkeeper.

The next business was the election of a messenger of the Senate.

Mr. Dickerson, of the Fifth district, placed in nomination Mr. Dan Paulk.

Mr. McGehee, of the Twenty-fifth district, placed in nomination Mr. Flint Garget of the county of Harris.

Mr. Harget having received a majority of the votes cast, was elected messenger.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

By Mr. West of Sixth district—

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate notify the House, that the Senate is organized and ready to proceed to business.

By Mr. Humphries of Seventh district—

Resolved, That the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint the gallery keepers and pages, and the Secretary appoint the porters.

Also by Mr. Terrell of Thirty-sixth district—

Resolved, That the rules of the last Senate be adopted for the present one until the Committee on Rules reports new ones.

The following committee was appointed to nominate a chaplain:

Messrs. McGehee, Nesbitt and Wight.

The committee nominated the Rev. J W H. Watkins, who was unanimously elected chaplain of the Senate.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Morrison of the Thirty-fourth district—

Resolved, That a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House be appointed to notify the Governor that the General Assembly has organized and ready to proceed to business.

The committee on part of the Senate is Messrs. Morrison, Terrell and Hand.

Upon motion of Mr. Humphries the Senators withdrew and drew for seats.

Upon motion of Mr. Humphries the Senate took recess for thirty minutes.

The thirty minutes having expired, the President called the Senate to order.

Upon motion of Mr. Terrell the session was extended until the Senate could receive a message from the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform this branch of the General Assembly that the House is now organized and is now ready to proceed to the discharge of the regular business of the session, and has elected as Speaker the Hon. John D. Little, as Speaker pro tem., the Hon. A. O. Blalock, as Clerk, John T. Boifeuillet, as messenger, F. M. Durham, and as doorkeeper J. H. Williford.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has concurred in the following resolution of the Senate, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, That a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House be appointed to notify the Governor that the General Assembly is now organized and ready to receive any communications he may desire to make, and has appointed on the part of the House, Mr. Freeman Allen of Baldwin, Ford of Worth, Rogers of Marion, and Mr. McLaughlin.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifenillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution, to wit:

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring, That the House and Senate convene in joint session on to-morrow, Thursday, 27th instant, at 11 oclock a. m., for the purpose of opening the returns of the State election and declaring the result.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the above House resolution was concurred in.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Davis for to-day and to-morrow.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
October 27, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Redding,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Lang,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Little,	Thompson,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Hodge,	Rawling,	

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following invitation was accepted:

To attend the oratorical contest to be held at the Grand Opera House, Saturday evening, October 29, 1898.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing.



## MESSAGE

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STATE OF GEORGIA,  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
ATLANTA, GA., Oct. 26, 1898.

*Gentlemen of the General Assembly of Georgia :*

In obedience to the requirement of law, I send this communication to inform you of such transactions since the adjournment of your predecessors in office as may better enable you to discharge your duties as members of the General Assembly ; and make to you such recommendations as will, in my opinion, aid in the perfection of our laws and promote the growth of our material interests.

The reports from each of the regular Departments of the Government, as well as from each of our eleemosynary and educational institutions, will be printed and furnished to each of you. Coming, as these reports do, from men of recognized ability, who are thoroughly acquainted with the subjects discussed, I cannot too earnestly urge upon you the importance of giving careful consideration to every recommendation made.

### ELECTION OF JUDGES AND SOLICITORS-GENERAL BY THE PEOPLE.

The amendment to the Constitution proposed by the General Assembly, providing for the election of Judges and Solicitors-General by the people, was in accordance

with the law submitted to the people at the general election this year, and ratified at the polls. On ascertaining the result of the election, I issued my proclamation declaring the result, and the proposed amendment became a part of the fundamental law of the State.

### SPECIAL ATTORNEY WESTERN & ATLANTIC RAILROAD.

For a number of years the State has employed a Special Attorney to look after questions arising in connection with the Western & Atlantic Railroad, and to represent the State in the settlement of a number of disputes which had arisen as to rights-of-way. Having arrived at the conclusion that this office should not be a permanent one, in the early part of this year I entered into a contract with Hon. W. A. Wimbish, Special Attorney, in which it was agreed that for the amount appropriated as salary for this year, he should dispose of all unfinished business. This contract is now of file in the Executive Office. I, therefore, recommend that there be no further appropriation made for the payment of the salary of the Special Attorney of the Western & Atlantic Railroad. Whatever legal business may arise in connection with this property can hereafter be done by the Attorney-General.

### TEMPORARY LOAN.

Early in July I received an official communication from the State Treasurer, in which he informed me that, in order to carry out the law providing for the quarterly payment

of the salaries of teachers, it would be necessary for the State to borrow two hundred thousand dollars. This condition of the Treasury was due to the fact that the increase in the appropriation for common school purposes of four hundred thousand dollars would not reach the Treasury until the collection of the taxes for this year, and would not likely be available until some time in December. It became necessary, therefore, for me to decide whether it would be better to ignore our obligations to pay the teachers quarterly, or to exercise the authority given me by the last General Assembly to borrow money and meet the demands promptly. I reached the conclusion that it would be better for the State to pay the interests upon this amount than to ignore the obligation to the teachers and require them to discount, at ruinous rates, their claims against the State. Fortunately, the condition of the Treasury was such that we did not need the entire four hundred thousand dollars, and by making a loan of two hundred thousand dollars, anticipating the revenue which would come in on the collection of the fall taxes, we could meet every demand. I, therefore, went to New York and secured a loan of two hundred thousand dollars at the very low rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum. We had on hand one hundred thousand dollars, known as the sinking fund, accumulated for the purpose of paying the public debt, which, under our constitution, could not be used for any other purpose, and consequently was not available to pay the teachers. We had a right to place this money in any one of the State depositories. In the exercise of this right I left it on deposit with banks which

agreed to pay for the use of the loan the amount which the State contracted to pay. The State, therefore, while borrowing two hundred thousand dollars, paid interest on only one hundred thousand dollars at two and a half per cent. per annum, and the banks having on deposit the sinking fund paid the interest on the other one hundred thousand.

### CHICKAMAUGA MONUMENT.

I regret exceedingly to be obliged to report to you that the monument for which the State has made an appropriation, to be erected on Chickamauga battle-field, has not been completed. The reasons for this will appear from the report of the Board having the work in charge. I am confident, however, it will be completed and ready for dedication in the early part of 1899, and respectfully recommend that you take such action as you may deem proper to provide for the ceremonies of the dedication.

### TROOPS FOR THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

On April 22d the President of the United States called upon the State of Georgia to furnish, for service in the Spanish-American war, two regiments of infantry and two batteries of light artillery ; and on May 26th another call was made for one regiment of infantry. On the receipt of the call, I at once issued my proclamation calling for volunteers, and am gratified to report that both calls were responded to with commendable promptness. Under the first call we were the third of the original thirteen States, the

ninth of all the States of the Union, and the first of the Southern States, in completing our organization and turning them over to the Federal government. The people of Georgia have reason to be proud of the character of the men and officers furnished by this State in response to the calls made upon it. These were splendid bodies of men, which, I do not believe, could be surpassed by any volunteer soldiers in the world.

### EXPENSE OF ORGANIZING THE TROOPS.

Soon after the declaration of war, the Federal government declined to furnish a regular army officer to assist the State in the office of Adjutant-General, as had been done for a number of years. On this account, and because of the large increase of the work incident to organizing the military forces, it became necessary for me to employ some one to aid in the Adjutant-General's department. Colonel W. G. Obear, an able and experienced militia officer, was employed at a salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per month, which was paid out of the military fund. This employment has continued up to the present. There was necessarily a large expense to be incurred in raising the troops, and the problem was presented to me of determining from whence this fund should be derived. On account of the expense which would have been incurred by so doing, it was not considered advisable to convene the General Assembly and ask for an appropriation for this purpose; and it was, therefore, determined to use the fund appropriated by the State for

military purposes. Itemized accounts of the amounts expended have been carefully kept by the Adjutant-General's Department, and will in a few days be in a condition to be presented to the Federal government for payment. Most of the expense incurred in organizing the troops will be refunded to the State by the United States government in a very short time.

### THE STATE MILITIA.

The State militia organizations were so much impaired this year by having taken from them officers and men who entered the volunteer forces of the United States, that it was deemed advisable not to have the usual State encampment. In the organization of the volunteer force of the United States, furnished by this State, the militia proved an invaluable source from which to draw officers and men. The experience acquired in the service of the State Militia proved to have been of incalculable value to the forces furnished by this State, under the call of the national government. My experience, however, while organizing this national force, has convinced me that it is of the utmost importance that the laws governing the militia organizations be revised and radical changes made therein.

I respectfully urge that your committee on military affairs take this subject under consideration and ask for the passage of the needed legislation. I hope your body will continue its aid to the State Militia. When reorganized under such new legislation as may be had, it will be of more value than ever before in preserving peace, enforcing obedience to law, and furnishing a source from which a volunteer army may be quickly raised in time of war.



## PENITENTIARY DEPARTMENT.

Pursuant to the Act of the General Assembly approved December 21st, 1897, I appointed, on the date named, as Prison Commissioners, the following gentlemen, viz.: Hon. Clement A. Evans, of the county of Fulton; Hon. Jacob L. Beach, of the county of Glynn, and Hon. Joseph S. Turner, of the county of Putnam, who immediately qualified, gave the bond required by said act, and entered upon the discharge of their duties.

For full information as to the work of this department, I refer you to their report, which has been written and laid upon your desks.

Referring to but one portion of this report, it will be seen that the misdemeanor convicts have, by virtue of the authority conferred upon the Commission, been brought under direct State supervision and that satisfactory progress has been made toward bringing all misdemeanor camps up to a uniform standard.

All private chaingangs have been abolished, and a large majority of the convicts are now being worked upon the public roads, much to their improvement, and the ultimate benefit of the counties so using them.

## NORTH EASTERN RAILROAD.

The last General Assembly conferred upon the Governor authority to sell the North Eastern Railroad whenever he thought advisable.

I have not offered this property for sale, because I did not deem it advisable in the present condition of the

country, but I feel sure that soon a sale can be perfected, in compliance with the conditions imposed, for as much as or more than the amount of the bonded debt for which the State is liable.

For full details of the management of this property I refer you to the report of Hon. R. K. Reaves, State Agent, in charge, which will be printed and laid before you.

### OMAHA EXPOSITION.

In compliance with a resolution of the General Assembly, approved December 18, 1897, authorizing the Governor to appoint a committee of fifteen citizens, to secure an exhibit of the products and resources of the State of Georgia at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition, I appointed the following named gentlemen thereon: Hons. W. J. Northen, C. E. Harmon, W. A. Hemphill, F. H. Richardson, J. B. S. Thompson, and Geo. C. Smith, of the county of Fulton; J. F. DeLacy, of the county of Dodge; Edwin Brobston, of the county of Glynn; W. A. Knowles, of the county of Floyd; Thos. K. Scott, of the county of Richmond; Geo. Ketchum and J. F. Hanson, of the county of Bibb; H. M. Comer and P. A. Stovall, of the county of Chatham.

These gentlemen, at a great personal sacrifice of time and money, secured and placed in position at Omaha a magnificent exhibit which has attracted the attention and admiration of thousands of visitors, and which, it is expected, will be productive of much good to the State.

## PENSIONS.

It has become the just, humane and settled policy of the State to pay pensions to Confederate soldiers and their widows, where the circumstances justify it. Since 1866 all legislative action has tended to that end, and on three several occasions the question has been submitted to the people, and each time by a practically unanimous vote they have amended the Constitution for that purpose. It is a patriotic and noble spirit which inspires and puts in active operation the discharge of this obligation.

In legislating for that purpose such restrictions should be kept in view as will tend to keep the pension roll as a roll of honor. No exact statement can be made of the number of soldiers Georgia furnished the Confederate cause, but conservative estimates put the number at 125,000, and there are less than 10 per cent. of that number of pensioners on our rolls, while the Federal pension rolls show nearly 1,000,000 names, approximating the number in the entire Federal army.

The above comparison is made to show the danger of imprudent or unwise legislation, and not in any sense to restrict payments so as not to reach those justly entitled.

In extending aid to indigent and disabled Confederate soldiers the State has adopted the policy of paying direct to the beneficiary the money appropriated for his benefit. To show what Georgia and other States have done and are doing for the old soldiers, the table below is submitted. The figures, except for Georgia, are for 1897 :

	GENERAL PENSIONS.		SOLDIERS' HOME.		TOTAL.	
	Number.	Paid.	No. Inmates.	Paid.	Number.	Paid.
Alabama	7,105	\$ 116,532	None.	\$	7,105	\$ 116,532
Arkansas	1,336	35,000	49	7,105	1,385	42,105
Florida	600	65,000	None.		600	65,000
Georgia	10,390	609,520	None.		10,390	609,520
Kentucky	None.		None.		None.	
Louisiana	None.		70	Estimated.	70	Estimated.
Maryland	None.		Estimated.	10,000	Estimated.	10,000
Mississippi		75,000	75	10,500	75	10,500
North Carolina		105,000	67	8,500		75,000
South Carolina	4,714	100,000	None.		4,714	100,000
Tennessee	537	59,940	100	8,500	637	68,440
Texas	None.		175	38,258	175	38,258
Virginia	3,541	110,800	246	30,000	3,787	140,800
Paid by all States						\$ 1,389,175
Paid by Georgia						\$ 609,520
Paid by all other States						\$ 780,135—
						1,389,175

It will also be remembered that it is provided by law that such Confederate soldiers as cannot support themselves, by reason of poverty and infirmity, shall receive food and clothing from the county authorities (see Section 432 Vol. 1, Code 1895) and thus they may supplement the amount paid by the State. Besides on the same line by the Act of 1897, page 24, no license for peddling can be demanded of any disabled or indigent ex-Confederate soldier, and in some instances they are exempt from poll tax, as provided in Section 766 Vol. 1, Code 1895.

The following table shows payment of pensions during my administration, and two years previous :

	Number.	Paid.
For 1893 ---	7,290	\$429,080
“ 1894 ---	7,232	424,820
“ 1895 ---	7,308	426,340
“ 1896 ---	9,291	545,140
“ 1897 ---	10,445	573,460
“ 1898 ---	10,390	609,520

There are now pending in the Pension Office 2,715 claims, of which, probably 1,000 under the proofs are entitled to be paid; and to cover such payments \$60,000 should be appropriated for 1899 in addition to the sum appropriated for 1898.

### FEE SYSTEM.

I am persuaded that the interest of the State will be conserved by abolishing the fee system, and suggest the passage of a law providing a different method of compensation for our public officials. All officers who are com-

compensated in this way should be required to keep an itemized account of their receipts, and make return thereof under oath. A maximum limit ought to be fixed, and receipts in excess of this limit covered into the Treasury. The limitation should be sufficiently liberal, however, to secure the services of our best men, and I apprehend no difficulty in adjusting the new system so as to satisfy all requirements. I commend the matter to your serious attention.

### BIENNIAL SESSIONS.

Another step in the direction of retrenchment which I would propose, is an amendment to the Constitution providing for biennial sessions of the Legislature. Heretofore much of the time of our assembly meetings has been taken up in balloting for Judges and Solicitors, but now that the Constitution has been so amended as to require the election of these officials by the people, ample time will be allowed for the purposes of needful legislation within the period now fixed for a single session—fifty days. This change will result not only in a net saving to the State of \$70,000 for the session dispensed with, but will have a good effect in other respects. Annual sessions are prolific of much needless legislation, and too much legislation has a disturbing effect upon business and commercial affairs. All States of the Union, except Georgia and five others, now have biennial sessions, and the experiment has proven so satisfactory, that it will be only a question of a short time when the plan will be adopted also in the States



to which I have referred. It is not necessary to hold a constitutional convention in order to give practical effect to this suggestion. It can be accomplished more directly and at less expense by amending our present organic law, in the usual way. Conventions are expensive, both in the matter of primary deliberation and in the subsequent legislation necessary to make our laws conform to the requirements of the new instrument. When a change in our fundamental law becomes necessary, it can be done just as effectively by amendment, and at a cost comparatively trifling. Numerous arguments can be adduced in favor of the proposed change, but it is not necessary to appeal to your intelligence by such a course of reasoning. The advantages to be derived are so obvious that specification would be useless.

### TAX ON INHERITANCES.

As a means of adding to the State's revenue, I recommend the imposition of a tax on inheritances, direct as well as collateral. Other States have set us a good example on this line, which we would do well to follow. A measure providing for a levy of this sort would, I believe, receive the approbation of the people, and add materially to the State's revenue.

### EDUCATION.

The State has made most gratifying progress in matters affecting its educational advancement. Perhaps never before in the history of Georgia has there been such widespread interest in the cause of popular education. The

Legislature, in answer to the demands of the people, has made liberal appropriations for the support of all our schools. These large investments that the State is annually making for the education of the masses, will yield larger returns than the State could derive in any other way. The problem before us as a people is to make our own children capable of developing our own resources. It is extremely gratifying to me to note the steady and rapid improvement in our educational conditions.

The public school term has been lengthened from one hundred days to one hundred and thirty. The public school fund has grown from \$937,871.12 in 1894, to \$1,640,381.00 in 1898. Within the same length of time we have added to our teaching force one thousand teachers, who have been professionally trained in Normal schools. The enrollment of children of school age in the common schools has also largely increased over the enrollment of previous years. The building of new and comfortable modern school-houses is steadily going on in all parts of the State. The two Normal schools supported by the State—the Georgia Normal and Industrial School at Milledgeville and the State Normal School at Athens—have been taxed to their utmost capacity to make room for the pupils that apply for entrance in both institutions. During the present year, indeed, a large number of applicants have been denied admission in both of these schools for lack of room. Teaching is no longer an avocation. It is now a profession, and teachers who are wanted everywhere are those who have had professional training. These two schools, therefore, that are providing profes-

sional training to our teachers, deserve the liberal support that the Legislature has provided.

We have come to a time when practical education is demanded for the changed conditions that confront us. Our children must be taught in the schools to do what the world wants done. Most of the manual labor of the future will be done with a machine. This will be true, not only of the manufactory and workshop and printing house, but it will be true to a large extent on the farm as well. We have come to the age of the machine. Such changes should be made, therefore, in the courses of study in our common schools as will broaden the foundation of popular education, by including such industrial branches as the times demands of us.

The addition of training like this for industrial pursuits in all our schools, will hasten the day when Georgia will work into manufactured products all of the raw material that the State produces. The State can never reach that proud place of independent sovereignty that she should hold, in fact as well as name, until she has made the children of all her people independent and intelligent producers of wealth, and until there is not only no badge of reproach for honest toil, but everywhere in every department of human endeavor, respect and honor and remunerative rewards for well-diversified and intelligent labor.

### GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

The rapid advance of all nations in industrial and mechanical lines directs attention to the conditions existing in Georgia for the cultivation of natural resources and

scientific talent. The State should provide the means for enabling Georgians to fill the most remunerative positions in the material advancement of the State. The heads of industrial enterprises and the high salaried men in our manufacturing establishments should be natives, and not, as is often the case, residents of foreign countries and other sections.

By giving our young men the opportunity to obtain practical and scientific education of high grade in the different fields of Engineering and Industrial Science, we continually add to the population a class of citizens, familiar with our resources, capable of organizing manufacturing plants, and qualified to increase the wealth and importance of the State. In view of these facts, I recommend for your continued support the Georgia School of Technology. Its thorough courses and the excellent records of its graduates are commanding the attention and admiration of every Southern State. The dormitory built by the State is inadequate for the accommodation of the hundreds of boys who desire to attend the school at cheap rates and under wholesome regulations.

I recommend that you appropriate money for another dormitory, as the present buildings are now too crowded for comfort and health.

As the attendance at the school has been more than doubled in the past few years, I recommend such increase in the maintenance fund as you may find necessary.

In my last message I recommended the establishment, in the school, of a Department of Textiles, and the General Assembly appropriated \$10,000.00 for such purpose,

provided friends of the school would give an equal amount in money or equipment.

I am gratified to announce that donations have been made as follows:

In cash	\$10,221.65
In Machinery.	12,000.00
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Total.	\$22,221.65

A list of the donors and the amounts given are appended to this message.

The most important donation was made by Mr. Aaron French, a citizen of Pittsburg, Pa., who became an interested patron of the school through his friendship with President Lyman Hall.

Mr. Oscar Elsas, Vice-President of a large manufacturing firm in Atlanta, and an ex-student of the school, rendered valuable services in securing donations of machinery. Both of these gentlemen deserve the thanks of the people of Georgia.

Including the donations and the State's appropriation the Textile Department will have an equipment in building and machinery of \$32,000 00, and in the line of Cotton Textiles, it will have no superior. At one-third the cost, Georgia has secured this equipment for the instruction of her sons and daughters in designing, weaving, dyeing, etc., of our great staple whose manufacture has heretofore enriched other sections of the country. It is Georgia's duty to provide liberally for the support of this Department.

## THE UNIVERSITY.

I recommend the continuation of the State's support of the University

The intellectual supremacy of a people is the key to prosperity and material greatness, and the University of the State, if properly supported, will continue to add to the growth and greatness of the State. I advise that the excellent dormitory system now existing at the School of Technology be provided for at the University, so that young men of limited means may obtain the advantages of the institution at small cost and that parents may feel that their sons are under the continual guardianship and protection of the authorities.

## SCHOOL BOOKS QUESTION.

I would again invite your attention to the importance of legislation looking to a reduction of the cost of school books used in the Public Schools of this State, and urge upon your body the growing necessity for action thereon.

In this connection I refer you to the special message on this subject which I had the honor of laying before the last General Assembly. In that message I submitted some comparative figures that are worth considering in this connection, to wit :

The following statement presents clearly the comparative cost of our Code published upon State's account under the competitive bid system and what we are actually paying for the school books used by our children in the public schools.

## CODE.

Three volumes of Georgia Code, containing 1,-  
500,000 words, cost -----\$ 4 00

## SCHOOL BOOKS.

Five School books, containing 659,000 words,  
cost ----- 1 88

Five School books, containing 215,000 words,  
cost ----- 4 00

The cost of printing the same number of words  
in school-books as in the Code, would be -- 9 52

In this calculation I have not computed the compensation which must be paid to authors nor other necessary expenses which will readily suggest themselves to you. On the other hand, it must be borne in mind that only a few thousand copies of the Code were printed, while school books are issued by the hundreds of thousands and their printing should, therefore, cost less.

## ANOTHER COMPARISON.

At my request, one of the best equipped and reliable publishing houses in the State has furnished me the following statement showing what is now being paid for school books in Georgia, and at what price it would be willing to print the same books in lots of one hundred thousand :

BOOK.	PUBLISHER.	PUB. PRICE	
		PRICE.	BID.
Wentworth's Practical Arithmetic .....	Ginn & Co.....400 pp.	\$.65	\$.18
Third Reader .....	Ginn & Co.....256 pp.	.40	.12
First Book in American History (Eggleston) .....	American Book Co 224 pp.	.60	.11
Swinton's Word Primer .....	American Book Co 96 pp.	.15	.04
Sanford's Higher An. Arithmetic .....	American Pub. Co 160 pp.	1.00	.24
Graves' New Graded Speller..	Ginn & Co.....160 pp.	.25	.10
McGuffey's Third Eclectic Reader .....	American Book Co 208 pp.	.40	.14

This company is able and willing to take the contract to publish at the prices named and give bond to comply with their contract.

You can add to these prices a fair royalty to be paid to the author and draw your own conclusions as to whether or not we are being made to pay an unreasonable and unjust tribute to a lordly trust.

I submit to you the consideration of the question, with the confident belief that you possess the wisdom to discern and the courage to apply the remedy.

### BALLOT REFORM.

For some years past there has been considerable discussion in regard to a change in our election laws, making them conform, in some degree, to the advanced laws on this subject in other States. In my first message to the Legislature in 1894, and in every subsequent message, I have adverted to this measure. In one of these I said:

“The decided advance taken by our State in the passage of the Registration Law, recently enacted, has met with the hearty approval of the people of the State, and they hope for such advancement in the reformation of our election laws, that no honest man’s vote can be neutralized by a dishonest or fraudulent ballot. I earnestly urge upon you a thorough study of the election systems of other States, that such election laws that may be passed by you will be in harmony with the best methods of the day, and serve to secure honest elections and a government wherein the ballots of honest men will certainly control.”



Now that the agitation has become general throughout the State, and is being advocated by those who formerly opposed it, I hope for definite action by your body, and again add my urgent appeal to the general demand.

### BETTER PRIMARY ELECTION LAW NEEDED.

Fully as important everywhere as stringent election laws, and a more crying demand in Georgia, is the necessity for the strictest regulation of the party primary. For thirty years past the welfare and destiny of this State have been in the hands of one party, and the recent election has but furnished a fresh demonstration that this condition is to continue indefinitely, or at least so long as the present party alignments remain. The democratic primary not only virtually, but actually, determines who shall fill every important office in the State, and in nearly every county, and what shall be the policy of the State government so far as these officers may determine it. The constitutional amendments of two years ago and this year, making the Supreme and Superior Court Judges elective by the people, vastly increase the responsibility of the dominant party by adding the burden of choosing a pure judiciary.

The most vital part, then, of our politics is the primary, and any reform that does not include this inceptive function in its scope will fail to strike at the root of the real evils of which the people are complaining.

Politics has features which have led many good people to unthinkingly deprecate its existence; but politics will never cease so long as this remains a party government,

and men seek preferment under it. We should not expect a political millennium under any circumstances, but we can and should seek every opportunity to be rid of unsatisfactory leaders and to make the political organization responsible to its voters. Thus far the reformer and the liberal partisan can go together, and in this unity of purpose lies the hope of better primaries.

The growing demand for better party methods was recognized by the Legislature as far back as 1891, when an Act was passed and approved by the Governor "to protect primary elections and conventions of political parties in this State, and to punish frauds committed thereat." This law was modeled very much after the pattern of our present election laws, with the one glaring deficiency that it was not mandatory upon the party managers to apply the primary in the selection of delegates and nominees for offices; and in practice it has been applied with about the same laxity, all of its provisions seldom being complied with and none of its penalties ever enforced, and has long since been outgrown by the movement for better primaries. It may be safely said that the volunteer reforms inaugurated by the democratic conventions in 1894 and 1896, and continued by the convention of this year, and effectively urged in the campaign against the caucus methods into which the populists had fallen in their turn, caused great numbers of the latter party to stay away from the polls, while others returned to their former affiliations. I call attention to these facts to show how the people stand in this movement for better primaries, which is really a revolt against bossism.

The present demand for primary reform is not confined to Georgia. Few States have been, or are, entirely without statutory regulation of the primaries, but in most cases these, like ours, are ineffectual. Ten important States now have statutes more or less complete controlling primaries, and as many more are considering and investigating the problem. Recognized as the most progressive of the Southern States, there is every consideration why Georgia should lead in this as well as in other improvements in the South. The practice of general primaries upon a stated day, under fixed rules, which has been found so satisfactory in recent years, should be made the statutory law, which cannot be changed at the whim of a committee, or the will of a candidate who may control a majority of its members, and should be binding upon all parties. In framing such a statute, there will be many additional features besides those with which we have been made familiar, the character of which I can only suggest here, leaving the details to the wisdom of your body, should you give this matter the consideration which, in my earnest opinion, its importance demands.

In the first place, I cannot too strongly emphasize the statement that the ballot should be made absolutely secret. No possible opportunity should be given to the briber to see that the vote corruptly purchased is faithfully delivered, and thus corruption will be discouraged. Neither should an employer have any method of ascertaining how his employees really vote, and thus the laboring man, whose interest may not always be the same as that of the capitalist, but whose views are equally worthy of expression in

a free government, cannot be successfully coerced. This becomes more vitally important every year, as industrial and corporate factors enlarge their scope and employ increasing numbers of intelligent suffragists, whose franchise cannot be too vigilantly protected against any improper influences.

So satisfactory has been the practice of holding State primaries on one day that I would by all means incorporate this in the law ; and I would also advise that the date of the primary be made a fixed day, at such season as may be most convenient to the masses of the voters. If necessary, separate succeeding days might be named for each party, or all could be held on one day. The first provision prevails in New York, whose Legislature last March unanimously passed what is generally regarded as the broadest and most complete law regulating primary elections, political committees and conventions ; the second provision is part of the recently-enacted law of Michigan. Such a proviso would be perfectly just and satisfactory to all candidates and factions alike, and would remove a serious cause of complaint recently made.

Candidates for all offices should, of course, be directly voted for, and provision made for delegates who will express that vote in the convention. In some States, notably the neighboring one of South Carolina, the nominees are named by the consolidated vote of the whole State, a majority of the whole vote being required to nominate. In any case, conventions would seem to be necessary to promulgate principles, and these conventions, in turn, should be regulated by a provision against proxy and secret

voting, and by proper restrictions against interference with the temporary organization.

With these safeguards, including also a provision for securing the fair submission of all party questions to the members of that party, we would have a law unexcelled by that of any State in the Union, and our primaries would command the confidence and respect of all parties. Then party organizations will always be responsible to the people, and political leaders will become liberal statesmen, advocating beneficial public measures, instead of scheming politicians, caring only for the favor of those in control of the machine.

### EQUALIZATION OF TAXES.

A great deal of comment has been made recently about the high rate of taxation in Georgia. That the tax rate is higher than the people who pay the taxes can well afford is an indisputable proposition; but I fail to see how the amount of appropriations made can be materially reduced without receding from the position which the State has taken respecting its treatment of the old soldiers and the education of its children, and against this policy of retrogression all are mutually pledged.

I am as much in favor of economy in State affairs as any one can be, as I think the record of my administration will show; but the proper and only way to reduce the taxes that everybody pays, is to make everybody pay his taxes. If there were a just and equitable system of tax assessment in the State, instead of leaving each taxpayer to swear to the amount that he is willing to pay taxes upon, according

to investigations that have been recently made in different localities and according to the painstaking report of Comptroller-General Wright, to which your careful attention is called, the valuation of property would be so increased—so much additional property would be placed upon the tax books—that the rate of taxation would be decreased one-third, and still afford the same amount of revenue that we are receiving to-day.

In 1892 tax values were fixed, not by the taxpayer, who has a direct interest in omitting to give in property, or in placing the lowest possible value upon it, and thus burdening his neighbor with a part of the taxes which he should pay, but were fixed by a board of disinterested tax assessors. As a result, tax values increased from \$444,000,000 in 1891 to \$463,000,000 in 1892. This act was repealed in the fall of 1892. The next year there was a decrease of \$11,000,000 in the returns of taxable property, and now, after a constant decline, it is \$54,000,000 less than in 1892, when valued by tax assessors. If so much good was accomplished in one year, with the experience of this effort, tax values ere now would have been equalized and largely increased, and vast amounts of property, real and personal, which now escapes taxation, would be bearing their share of the common burden.

This law was not a failure, as was claimed by its opponents, some of whom suffered by its operations, and made other people believe that they also suffered, so that there was a general clamor for its repeal, to which a succeeding legislature succumbed. It had its imperfections, as any law which you may enact will have, but these defects should have been

remedied by further legislation. I have repeatedly called upon the legislature to enact some measure that would bring about reform in this matter of taxation.

In my message to the General Assembly of 1895, and again referred to in my message in 1897, I said :

“ In reference to the value of property as shown by the Comptroller-General's report gathered from tax returns, it is my duty to say to you that it does not approximate the real or market value of the property of the citizens of the State subject to taxation. Under the present system of making tax returns, outside of where the returns are affected by local assessment systems of towns and cities, each man is his own tax-assessor and places upon his property such value as he sees fit, even himself in many instances confessing that the amount at which it has been returned by him for taxes bears no approximate relation to the real value of the property. While the legislature nominally fixes the tax rate for the State to be collected from her citizens, each citizen has the power to fix his own tax rate, and many of them do fix it at an unjustly low rate by placing a valuation upon their property far below its value, and on a scale much lower than that by which the property of their neighbors are valued. The man who pays taxes upon property unfairly valued at \$500, while on property of the same value his neighbor pays on \$1,000, is lowering his own tax rate one-half, depriving the State of its just revenue, and placing an unjust burden upon his honest neighbor who values his property correctly. I most earnestly recommend that some plan be devised by which the State can arrive at something like a just valuation of the property of its citizens subject to taxation, and protect the man who honestly returns his taxes against imposition from those who return their property at an improper valuation. It is well to bear in mind that any plan which you may adopt will, when put into practical operation, prove imperfect; but as these defects appear it will be the duty of your successors to correct them and continue to perfect the law. Certain it is that no system which can be adopted can be open to greater abuses or more flagrant in-

justice than the law under which our property is now returned for taxation. A proper plan for assessment of property for taxation will not only equalize values, but place upon the tax-books a vast amount of personal effects which now escape taxation."

I now appeal to your body to respond to an awakened public interest on this subject, and am persuaded that effectual steps will be taken in the direction indicated.

### SUPPRESSION OF LYNCHING.

I respectfully but urgently invite your attention to my message to your predecessors, in which I asked for legislation for the suppression of lynching in this State, and suggested legislation for their consideration. The Democratic platform in 1896 declared in favor of legislation on the line of my recommendation, and I respectfully call attention to the fact that this pledge of the party has not been fulfilled.

### WORK OF LAST FOUR YEARS ADMINISTRATION.

In sending this, my last official communication to the General Assembly, I will take the liberty of calling your attention to many results which have been accomplished during my administration.

The State now collects interest on its money deposited with banks.

The Northeastern Railway has been sold and is now the property of the State, yielding a net income.



The public debt has been decreased four hundred and ten thousand dollars.

The annual interest account of the State has been decreased \$40,905.

All State bonds which will mature prior to 1915, except those which can be paid with the sinking fund received annually, have been either paid and cancelled, or retired by substituting in lieu thereof bonds bearing a rate of interest much lower than the rate of the retired bonds.

The State has borrowed money at the low rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. per annum.

The amount of pensions to Confederate soldiers annually has been increased one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars.

The annual common school fund has been increased six hundred and ninety-four thousand dollars.

The State Normal School at Athens has been opened and maintained by the State.

New buildings have been erected at the State University State Normal School, School of Technology and at the Georgia Normal and Industrial College.

A textile department has been established in the School of Technology.

Large additions have been made at the lunatic asylum, and substantial improvements made at the School for the Deaf and Dumb.

The penitentiary question has been met and solved by the adoption of a system which will guarantee state control of all its convicts, felony and misdemeanor, secure just and humane treatment to all and yield to the State a net

income approximating one hundred thousand dollars per annum.

A State Board of Medical Examiners has been established.

Our election laws have been improved by the passage of the Registration Act.

The State School Commissioner has been made elective by the people.

Three additional Justices have been added to the Supreme Court, and the entire bench is elected by the people.

The Constitution has been so amended as to provide for the election of the Judges and Solicitors-General by the people.

A new Code has been adopted and published.

An Act has been passed revising the criminal laws of the State.

The resources of the State have been exhibited at three expositions of a national character, to wit: The Cotton States International Exposition, at Atlanta, the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, at Nashville and the Trans-Mississippi International Exposition, at Omaha.

Specimens of the products and resources of the State have been collected, which may, at small cost, be transported for exhibit at any future exposition.

The office of Governor has been relieved of a large part of its work and responsibility because of the action of the General Assembly in creating the office of Pension Commissioner and giving to the Prison Commission the power of pardon, in so far as it could be done under our

Constitution. But for the immense amount of work imposed upon the Governor in organizing the volunteer force of the United States, the duties of the position would, this year, on account of the reduction of the work of the Governor by the two above mentioned Acts, have been vastly lighter than it has been for years.

During the last four years the democratic party, which has been in control of the affairs of this State, has shown a disposition to correct existing evils and to inaugurate such reforms as the interest of the country demanded. The exhibition of this spirit has gone far to convince all the people of the State that there is no good to come from divisions and dissensions; but that within the ranks of this party all may come who desire to take part in perfecting our laws and advancing our business interests.

There is no reason to doubt that the same forces which have carried us forward during recent years will continue in the line of progress and reform, detecting and eradicating defects and upbuilding every interest which looks to the advancement and progress of all the people.

I cannot take leave of your body without, through you, extending to the people of Georgia my sincere gratitude for their many kindnesses to me. If, in the discharge of the duties imposed by their partiality, I have in any way contributed to the happiness of the people and the greatness of my State, it is to me a rich reward.

W. Y. ATKINSON,  
Governor.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY,

ATLANTA, GA., OCTOBER 10, 1898.

*His Excellency, Governor W. Y. Atkinson, Atlanta, Ga.:*

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to submit, at your request, the following list of donors to the Textile Department of the Georgia School of Technology:

MACHINERY.

T. C. Entwistle, Lowell	..... ..	.. .. \$	402 00
S. Colvin & Co., Riverpoint, R. I	..... ..	...	55 00
Easton & Bernham Machine Co., Pawtucket.	...		200 00
The Draper Co., Hopedale, Mass	.. ..		584 80
Curtis & Marble Machine Co., Worcester	.. ..		290 00
Kitson Machine Co., Lowell, Mass...	.. ..		900 00
Fales & Jenks Machine Co., Pawtucket.	.....		864 60
Winship Machine Co., City.	... ..		180 00
Elliott & Hall, Worcester.	.... ..		250 00
The American Drosophore Co., Boston...	.... ..		1,600 00
A. T. Atherton Machine Co., Pawtucket.	..		700 00
Metallic Drawing Roll Co., Indian Orchard	..		400 00
Saco-Petee Machine Shop, Newton, Upper Falls.	..		1,140 00
W H. Weston, Yarmouthville, Me	..		200 00
Lewiston Machine Co., Lewiston, Me	.... ..		750 0
Jones & Laughlin, Pittsburg, Pa.	..... ..		300 00
Providence Machine Co., Providence.	.... ..		430 00
B. F. Sturtevant Blower Co., Boston.	.....		500 00
Woonsocket Machine & Press Co., Woonsocket			550 00
Whitin Machine Co., Whitinsville, Mass.	.. ..		710 00
Kilburn-Lincoln & Co., Fall River, Mass.	..		55 00
Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, Providence	..		300 00
Fairmount Machine Co., Philadelphia	.. ..		100 00

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Total ..... .. \$ 10,786 40

Other small equipment and machinery donations will increase this amount to at least \$12,000.00.

## CASH.

F. Johnson.....	\$ 5 00
D. Donaldson .....	5 00
V H. Elsas.....	10 00
E. H. Bacon, Jr ...	5 00
E. Cahn .....	5 00
P R. Lamar .....	5 00
J. O. Hall.....	5 00
J R. Brumby, Jr.....	5 00
Aaron French.. ..	100 00
Clarence Knowles.....	100 00
J F. Gibbon.....	10 00
H. H. Peek.....	5 00
J. C. Garlington. ....	5 00
B. W. Seawell.....	5 00
W B. Everett.....	5 00
W H. Emerson.....	16 66
T. P. Branch.....	10 00
J. H. Jones.....	10 00
J. B. Wood.....	8 33
R. W. Quick.....	15 00
T. M. Gibbes.....	5 00
J. S. Coon.. ..	50 00
P J. Huson. ....	5 00
J. B. Edwards. ..	6 66
H. T. Powell ..	5 00
J. A. Sullivan... ..	5 00
J. L. Langston ..	5 00
W C. Weatherly ..	5 00
F. T. Hardwick .....	5 00
J. Mizell.. ..	5 00
B. Pfeiffer .....	5 00
E. S. Gay.....	5 00
J. Paulsen.....	5 00
C. H. Howard .....	5 00
E. M. Maclean. ....	5 00
Mrs. R. J. Binford.....	10 00
Z. D. Harrison. ....	5 00

W L. Peel .....	5 00
W G. Logan .....	5 00
J. M. Markely .....	5 00
C. D. Horniker .....	5 00
J. C. Kirkpatrick .....	10 00
D. O. Dougherty .....	5 00
J. Nutting .....	5 00
J. C. Ruse .....	5 00
W C. Davis .....	5 00
C. R. Goette .....	5 00
B. A. Guill .....	5 00
E. A. Greene .....	5 00
H. L. Smith .....	10 00
M. Goldsmith .....	10 00
A. R. Colord .....	10 00
C. B. Little .....	25 00
R. B. Tufts .....	10 00
P. H. Harrison .....	10 00
Aaron French .....	2,500 00
H. H. Miles .....	10 00
W B. Nunnally .....	10 00
J. T. Wikle .....	10 00
M. Waterman .....	5 00
M. W. McRae .....	10 00
W J. Nalley .....	10 00
J. M. Fischer .....	5 00
Aaron French .....	3,000 00
City of Atlanta .....	3,000 00
Geo. W. Parrott .....	1,000 00
Lyman Hall .....	50 00

Total .....

\$10,221 65

Total in cash and Machinery .....

22,221 65

The donations may be expressed briefly as follows:

Machinery .....

\$ 12,000 00

Cash .....

10,221 65

Total .....

\$ 22,221 65

Very respectfully,

LYMAN HALL, President.

## PARDONS GRANTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

## FELONIES.

Alex W Wells—Arson. Monroe Superior Court. Sentence, three years. Recommended by Prison Commission. Evidence circumstantial. Granted June 23, 1898.

Charley Roberson—Manslaughter. Jefferson Superior Court. Sentence, three years. Recommended by Prison commission. Reasonable doubt of guilt. Granted July 1, 1898.

Fred Ellington—Burglary. Fulton Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by Prison Commission because of precarious state of health. Granted July 8, 1898.

Clyde Lovelace—Involuntary manslaughter. Forsyth Superior Court. Sentence, three years. Prison Commission recommends commutation to one year. Granted Aug. 16, 1898.

Hester McFadden—Voluntary manslaughter—Baldwin Superior Court. Sentence, ten years. Recommended by prison commission, judge, solicitor-general, jury and county officers. Granted Aug. 23, 1898.

Ed Walker—Murder. Muscogee Superior Court. Sentence, life imprisonment. Recommended by Prison Commission. Crime probably accidental. Urged by judge

and solicitor-general, and many citizens. Granted April 14, 1898.

Jim Oliver—Burglary. Sentence, ten years. Elbert County. Recommended by Prison Commission. Not guilty. Pardoned May 24, 1898.

Jno. W Lewis—Murder. Applying Superior Court. Recommended by Prison Commission. Main witness unworthy of credit. Urged by judge, jury and many citizens. Granted June 3, 1898.

W L. Tillery—Voluntary manslaughter. Laurens Superior Court. Sentence, fifteen years. Recommended by Prison Commission. Main witness for State not reliable. Growing blind. Element of self-defense. Recommended by solicitor-general, county officers and many citizens. Granted June 4, 1898.

J. P Bryan—Involuntary manslaughter. Superior Court Fulton. Sentence, three years. Recommended by judge, solicitor-general and foreman of jury. Pardoned Dec. 21, 1897

Wm. Hopkins—Murder. Superior Court Rabun. Sentence, life. Prison commission recommended. Quite young. Committed crime with a rock. Served ten years. Recommended by judge, solicitor-general, county officers, jury and many citizens. Granted Dec. 30, 1897

Allen Hodges—Forgery. Glynn Superior Court. Sentence, ten years. Recommended by Prison Commission. Has consumption. Good conduct. Pardoned Feb. 24, 1898.

Calvin Kirkland—Burglary. Heard Superior Court.



Sentence, three years. Recommended by Prison Commission. Recommended by judge and solicitor-general. Granted March 19, 1898.

S. Bradbury—Voluntary manslaughter. Madison Superior Court. Sentence, two years. Very seriously shot when he committed the crime. Very ill in the penitentiary. Sub-committee of penitentiary. Solicitor-general, trial jury and grand jury recommend pardon. Pardoned Dec. 9, 1897

Hennie Hudson and Albert Smith—Murder. Jointly indicted. Putman Superior Court. Sentence, life. Recommended by judge, solicitor-general, trial jury, grand jury, joint committee of House and Senate. Pardoned Dec. 10, 1897

Jim Davis—Assault to murder. Chattooga Superior Court. Sentence, five years. No one was hurt when the assault was made. Recommended by judge, solicitor-general, foreman of grand jury, trial jury and county officers. Pardoned Dec. 14, 1897

Jim Griswold—Murder. Dodge Superior Court. Sentence, life. Recommended by judge, solicitor-general, county officers and many citizens. Good conduct. Sentence commuted Dec. 15, 1897

Neal Starks—Murder. Superior Court of Fulton. Sentence, life. Quite young. Killing probably accidental. Recommended by solicitor-general and number of citizens.

Ambrose Harris—Murder. Superior Court of Chat-ham. Sentence, life. Was quiet and peaceful before crime committed. Killed a notoriously bad character. Element of self-defense. Recommended by solicitor-gen-

eral, representatives, jury, county and city officers. Bad health. Pardoned Dec. 3, 1897.

L. W. Strickland—Voluntary manslaughter. Pierce Superior Court. Sentence, five years. Protecting his younger brother when crime was committed. Element of self-defense. The solicitor-general, judge, grand jury, trial jury, representative and senator, county officers all reccommend pardon. Granted Dec. 3, 1897.

Frank Martin—Burglary. Oglethorpe Superior Court. Recommended by judge and solicitor-general and prosecutor. Granted Dec. 3, 1897.

V. M. Ponder—Murder. Superior Court of Cherokee. Sentence, life. Recommended by jurors, judge, solicitor-general, 500 citizens. Testimony of State's witnesses impeached. Good confederate soldier. Pardoned Nov. 16, 1897.

William Hallman—Murder. Oct., 1896. Whitfield Superior Court. Sentence, life. A great deal doubt about guilt. Material witnesses for State all impeached. Recommended by judge, solicitor-general and foreman of jury. Conspiracy against him. Good conduct. Pardoned Nov. 22, 1897.

Ben Humphries—Burglary. Stewart Superior Court. Sentence to penitentiary. Value of articles taken very small. Employ of party whose store was burglarized. Recommended by senator and representative. Pardoned November 24, 1897.

Scott Wimbish—Burglary. Fulton Superior Court. Sentence, ten years. Recommended by Prison Commission, judge and solicitor-general. Pardoned Sept. 28, 1898.

J. W. Lee—Assault to murder. Habersham Superior Court. Sentence, thirteen years. Recommended by Prison Commission because of new testimony that tends to prove guiltlessness. Granted Oct. 7, 1898.

### MISDEMEANORS.

Oscar McMahon—Burglary. Spalding Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by Prison Commission, judge and solicitor-general. Granted April 14, 1898.

John Word—Burglary. Floyd Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by Prison Commission. In last stages of consumption. Granted April 29, 1898.

George Graham—Selling liquor. Bartow Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by Prison Commission on account of death of his wife leaving 5 children. Urged by judge. Granted May 4, 1898.

Charles Gibby—Selling liquor. Hart Superior Court. Recommended by prison commission. Sentence, commuted to payment \$50 and costs. May 6, 1898.

A. C. Jackson—Larceny. Murray Superior Court. Sentence, one year in chaingang. Recommended by prison commission because urged by judge. Defendant suffering with chronic pneumonia. Granted May 13, 1898.

W. J. Phinazee—Selling liquor. City Court of Monroe. Sentence, fine \$90 or four months in chaingang. Invalid—large family dependent. Recommended by judge and solicitor-general. Pardoned November 23, 1897.

Alex Brady—Selling liquor. City Court of Laurens. Sentence, nine months in chaingang. Sole support of family. Good conduct. Recommended by judge, county officers, and many citizens. Pardoned November 27, 1897

John Satterfield—Assault, three indictments. Lumpkin Superior Court. Recommended by judge and solicitor-general and citizens. Granted February 10, 1898.

Kid Lewis—Selling whiskey. County Court of Walton. Twelve months in chaingang. Recommended by Prison Commission. Bad health, and other reasons. Granted March 16, 1898.

Myrtle Blake—Convicted of larceny. Criminal Court Atlanta. Sentence, \$100 or nine months in chaingang. Good conduct. Recommended by judge and solicitor, and chairman committee public works. Pardoned November 3, 1897

Jno. T. Long—Convicted April, 1897, Union Superior Court. Misdemeanor. Sentence, twelve months chain-gang. Weak-minded; terribly diseased. Recommended by senator, representative and solicitor-general. Pardoned November 8, 1897

Thos. Lockhart—Shooting a pistol on public highway. Sentence to chaingang. Recommended by judge. Pardoned November 10, 1897

J W Raven—Gambling. Clayton Superior Court. Sentence, six months in chaingang. Recommended by mayor and council of Lovejoy, and many citizens. Pardoned November 13, 1897

Sigmond Friedman. Forgery Superior Court of Bibb.

Sentence, six months. Suffering with epilepsy. Served five months. Pardoned November 12, 1897

Miles Wall—Misdemeanor. Rabun Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by prison commission. Youth and delicate health. Urged by judge, grand jury, and many citizens. Granted May 17, 1898.

Rafe Ellison—Misdemeanor. Whitfield Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by judge, solicitor-general and many citizens. Pardoned May 24, 1898.

King Shubrick—Simple larceny. City Court Richmond. Sentence, ten months. Recommended by pardon board; also by judge and solicitor. Granted May 24, 1898.

John Harris—Burglary. Carroll Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by prison commission. One side paralyzed. Granted May 26, 1898.

George Graham—Misdemeanor. Bartow Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by prison commission, judge, and many citizens. Granted June 4, 1898.

Gilbert Raper—Adultery. Forsyth Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by prison commission. Evidence circumstantial. Granted June 4, 1898.

Ed Shipp—Forgery. Coweta Superior Court. Sentence, four years. Recommended by prison commission, prosecutor, judge and solicitor-general. Granted June 10, 1898.

Saunders Wheeler—Assault. Forsyth Superior Court. Sentence, twenty-five dollars, or eight months. Recommended by prison commission, judge, solicitor-general, grand jury, and many citizens. Granted June 21, 1898.

Joe Roper—Misdemeanor. Union Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by prison commission, judge and solicitor-general. Granted June 30, 1898.

Edward Clair—Cheating and swindling. Douglas Superior Court. Sentence, six months. Recommended by prison commission. Badly diseased. Granted July 8, 1898.

### MISDEMEANORS.

Carey Bennett—Larceny from the house. City Court of Atlanta. Sentence, six months. Recommended by prison commission. Pardoned July 8, 1898.

J. B. Briggs—Larceny after trust. Richmond Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by prison commission. Larceny not intentional. Granted July 27, 1898.

Alfred Bastian—Misdemeanor. Thomas County Court. Sentence, \$500, or twelve months. Recommended by prison commission, judge and solicitor-general. Granted August 16, 1898.

Joe Mobley—Misdemeanor. Cobb Superior Court. Sentence, six months. Recommended by prison commission, judge, solicitor-general. Granted August 26, 1896.

James Varner—Stealing a ride on railroad train. City Court of Newnan. Sentence \$25.00 or six months. Young boy, didn't know he was violating law. Granted September 3, 1898.

Gus Rowland—Simple larceny. Greene County Court. Recommended by Prison Commission. Granted September 29, 1898.

Henry Christian—Simple larceny. City Court of Elberton. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by Prison Commission, judge and solicitor. Granted October 5, 1898.

J. W. Johnson—Adultery and Fornication. Milton Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months. Recommended by Prison Commission, judge and solicitor-general. Granted October 6, 1898.

B. F. Matthews—Convicted August 1891. Paulding Superior Court. Murder. Sentence, life. Prejudice at time of trial. Asked for by jury, judge and large number citizens. Sentence commuted to ten years, November 6, 1897

Dock Gross—Convicted February, 1896. Glascock Superior Court. Burglary. Sentence, four years. Principal witness swore falsely on trial. Recommended by judge and solicitor-general. Pardoned November 6, 1897.

Disley Echols—Convicted Coweta Superior Court, 1889. Infanticide. Sentence, life. Recommended by judge, solicitor-general, every county official and many citizens. Pardoned November 8, 1897

L. H. Bass—Fornication. City Court Floyd. Sentence, \$50.00 and cost or sixty days in jail. Recommended by Prison Commission and commuted to fine \$25.00 December 29, 1897

T. J. Askew—Selling whiskey. Fayette Superior Court. Sentence, \$200.00 fine. Recommended by Prison Com-

mission and sentence commuted to fine of \$100.00 and costs. December 29, 1897

Edward C. Crawford—Larceny from the house. Fulton county. Sentence, three months in county jail, and \$150.00 fine. Recommended by Prison Commission. Quite young. Honest parents. Loser of goods recommends pardon. Sentence commuted to three months in jail, February 3, 1898.

Thos F Allen—Murder. Bibb Superior Court. Sentence, death. Prison Commission recommends commutation. In state of complete intoxication when crime committed. Seemed to be no malice. Recommended strongly by judge, solicitor-general, majority of jury. Largest petition from citizens ever presented at executive office. Sentence commuted to life imprisonment February 9, 1898.

George Gill—Murder. Troup Superior Court. Sentence, death. Recommended by Prison Commission. Crime committed during a fight. Voluntary manslaughter. Weapon used, not one usually likely to produce death. Recommended by solicitor-general and county commissioners. Sentence commuted to life imprisonment February 9, 1898.

Dave Mallard—Misdemeanor. Two indictments. Sentence commuted upon recommendation of Prison Commission to fine of \$100.00.

W A. Williams—Assault and Battery. City Court Fulton county. Sentence six months in jail. Recommended by Prison Commission. Sentence commuted to two months in jail March 1, 1898.

Truman Crow—Selling whiskey. Forsyth Superior



Court. Sentence, twelve months in chaingang. Recommended by Prison Commission on various grounds and sentence commuted to seven months March 9, 1898.

William Smith—Murder. Troup Superior Court. Sentence, death. Recommended by Prison Commission for following reasons: Beastly state of intoxication when crime committed. No malice. Previous good character. Probably accidental. Recommended by judge and solicitor-general and many citizens. Commuted to life imprisonment March 10, 1898.

John O. Patterson—Simple larceny. City Court of Atlanta. Sentence, \$50 and costs or three months. Recommended by prison commission because of youth. Asked for by prosecutor. Commuted to \$50 and costs or thirty days in jail.

H. I. Akin—Selling whiskey. Paulding Superior Court. Sentence, \$200 and costs, or twelve months in chaingang. Recommended by prison commission because defendant poor man with large family. First offense. Recommended by county officers, judge and many citizens. Commuted to \$100 fine March 19, 1898.

William E. Saunders—Larceny from the house. Fulton Superior Court. Sentence, three years. Recommended by Prison Commission because of good conduct, recommendation of prosecutor, the grand jury, trial jury, municipal officers of Atlanta, county officers, one-half members of legislature. Granted March 28, 1898.

Henry Sims—Larceny from the house. Fulton Superior Court. Sentence, two years. Recommended by Prison Commission and sentence commuted to one year. March 28, 1898.

Elizabeth Nobles—Murder. Twiggs Superior Court. Sentence, death. Recommended by Prison Commission. Either insane or very weak-minded old woman. Insanity in family. Been treated badly by her husband. Sentence commuted to life imprisonment March 31, 1898.

Oscar Peak—Carrying concealed weapons. Fulton Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months in chaingang. Recommended by Prison Commission. Sentence commuted to two months in chaingang April 2, 1898.

Gus Fambles—Murder. Twiggs Superior Court. Sentence, death. Jointly indicted with Mrs. Nobles. Recommended by Prison Commission because of commutation of Mrs. Nobles. Commuted to life imprisonment April 7, 1898.

Essex Jones—Burglary. Randolph Superior Court. Sentence, five years. Recommended by Prison Commission because asked for by judge and prosecutor. Defendant old man. Commuted to three years and ten months April 14, 1898.

Wm. J. Crow—Selling liquor. Forsyth Superior Court. Sentence, aggregates \$1250 or five years in chaingang. Recommended by Prison Commission. Commuted to fine of \$150.00 or three months May 17, 1898.

Warren Hightower—Larceny. City Court of Atlanta. Sentence, \$50.00 and costs or twelve months. Recommended by Prison Commission and judge and solicitor. Commuted to payment of \$50.00 August 16, 1898.

George Dillard—Misdemeanor. Houston County Court. Sentence, \$30.00 fine or twelve months in chaingang.

Recommended by Prison Commission. Commuted to payment of \$30.00 August 22, 1898.

William Billings—Stabbing. Fulton Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months in chaingang, six months in jail and \$1000 fine. Recommended by Prison Commission and judge. Commuted to twelve months in chaingang and six months in jail August 23, 1898.

E. F. Shewmake—Concealed weapons. Monroe Superior Court. Sentence, fine \$250.00 and costs. Recommended by Prison Commission, solicitor-general, county and city officers. Commuted to \$60.00 and costs August 26, 1898.

#### RESPITES.

Gus Fambles—Murder. Respite granted November 17, 1898.

Grady Reynolds—Murder. Respited 30 days until case of Brooks could be heard in Supreme Court December 1, 1897

Tom Cyrus—Murder. Fulton Superior Court. Respite thirty days granted December 22, 1897

Tom Allen—Murder. Bibb Superior Court. Respited until February 11, 1898. December 24, 1897

Gus Fambles—Murder. Twiggs Superior Court. Respited until February 11, 1898.

William Smith—Murder. Troup Superior Court. Respited until February 25, 1898, for further investigation.

Gus Fambles—Murder. Respited until March 18, 1898.  
Mrs. Nobles—Murder. Respited until April 1st, 1898,

so that a full commission could act on her case. March 22, 1898.

John Weaver—Rape. Upson Superior Court. Sentence death. Respited until July 1, 1898, for further investigation.

John Weaver—Rape. Upson Superior Court. Sentence death. Respite granted for further investigation, July 1, 1898.

John Weaver—Rape. Respited until July 1, 1898.

#### REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES.

Jefferson Waters—Robbery. Chatham Superior Court. Sentence, six years. Recommended by Prison Commission on account of good conduct since. Disabilities removed March 16, 1898.

Greene Hardin—Simple larceny. Rockdale Superior Court. Sentence, twelve months in chaingang. Recommended by Prison Commission for subsequent good character March 19, 1898.

Joseph Seales—Assault to murder. Chatham Superior Court. Sentence, six years in penitentiary. Sentence discharged. Recommended by Prison Commission. Disabilities removed May 24, 1894.

G. W. Spratlin—Forgery. Fulton Superior Court. Sentence, five years. Recommended by Prison Commission. Upright citizen. Disabilities removed May 24, 1898.

Columbus Scott—Cattle stealing. Baldwin Superior Court. Discharged sentence. Good citizen. Recommend-

ed by prison commission. Disabilities removed August 16, 1898.

John Bell—Misdemeanor. Served sentence in chain-gang. Disabilities removed November 8, 1897.

Fayette Smith—Misdemeanor. Paid fine. Disabilities removed November 8, 1897.

Rufus Lumpkin—Misdemeanor. Discharged his sentence. Disabilities removed November 8, 1897

Robert Cowan—Misdemeanor. Discharged sentence. Disabilities removed November 8, 1897

Alonzo Jones—Misdemeanor. Discharged sentence. Disabilities removed November 8, 1897.

Geo. Jenkins—Misdemeanor. Discharged sentence. Disabilities removed November 8, 1897.

Jake Barrett—Misdemeanor. Discharged sentence. Disabilities removed November 16, 1897

W G. Fairchild—Voluntary manslaughter. Served out sentence. Disabilities removed December 8, 1897.

Andrew Lawrence—Assault to murder. Bibb Superior Court. Sentence, three years. Recommended by prison commission. Disabilities removed February 18, 1898.

#### RECAPITULATION.

Felonies	27
Misdemeanors	31
Commutation of Sentences.	25
Respites	11
Disabilities removed.	14
Total granted	<hr/> 108

The following bill was read the first time, to wit:

By Mr. McLester of the Twenty-fourth district—

A bill to provide for a Board of Equalization of real and personal property subject to taxation in this State.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By order of the President, the Governor's Message was taken up and read.

The following resolutions were read and adopted.

By Mr. Humphries—

Resolved by the Senate, That the President be, and he is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of five to prepare rules to govern this body, and that the President, Hon. Wm. A. Dodson, act as ex-officio chairman.

The following resolution was adopted:

By Mr. Terrell—

Resolved, That the election returns for Governor and State House officers, which have been transmitted by the Secretary of State to this body, be immediately transmitted to the House of Representatives, as provided by law.

The President appointed the following Committee on Rules:

Mr. Dodson, chairman ex-officio, Mr. Humphries, Mr. Fouché, Mr. Redding, Mr. West and Mr. Little.

Mr. Terrell moved that 500 copies of the Governor's Message be printed for the use of the Senate; which motion was lost.

Mr. West moved to reconsider the action of the Senate on defeating the motion to print 500 copies of the Governor's Message; which motion was carried.

Mr. West also moved to amend the resolution by striking 500, and inserting 200.

The amendment was agreed to, and the resolution was adopted.

Senator Gross was granted leave of absence for the remainder of this week.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the President announced that the time of meeting in joint session had arrived, and the Senate would repair to the House of Representatives.

The President and Secretary, followed by the Senators, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, where being announced by the Doorkeeper, they were received by the House of Representatives standing.

The President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The Clerk of the House, by direction of the President, then read the joint resolution by authority of which the joint session was convened.

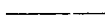
It was moved and seconded that the presiding officer appoint tellers to open, count and declare the votes cast at the late election for Governor and State House officers; one from the Senate and two from the House.

The motion prevailed and the President appointed as tellers, on the part of the Senate, Mr. Brannen, and on the part of the House, Messrs. Bower and Copeland.

The business of the joint session was commenced and proceeded with until 1 o'clock p. m., when, on motion, the General Assembly was dissolved until 3:05 o'clock p. m., when the pending business would be resumed.

The Senators returned to the Senate Chamber and were called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.



The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 3 o'clock; was called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. Mann, the roll call was dispensed with.



The hour of 3:05 o'clock having arrived, the Senate repaired to the House, and being received by the House of Representatives, the President called the General Assembly to order.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed and proceeded with until the votes cast for Governor and State House officers were opened and counted.

The President then announced that for the office of Governor, the Hon. A. D. Candler had received 117,455 votes, and the Hon. J. R. Hogan had received 50,841 votes. He then declared that the Hon. A. D. Candler, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Governor of the State of Georgia for the ensuing term.

The Hon. Philip Cook, for Secretary of State, received 118,818 votes, and the Hon. L. O. Jackson, 49,080. The President declared that the Hon. Philip Cook, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Secretary of State for the ensuing term.

The Hon. W. A. Wright, for Comptroller-General, received 118,902, and the Hon. Ben Milliken, 48,925 votes. The President declared the Hon. W. A. Wright, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was elected Comptroller-General for the ensuing term.

The Hon. Wm. J. Speer, for Treasurer, received 118,990 votes, and the Hon. J. H. Traylor, 49,112 votes. The

President declared the Hon. Wm. J. Speer duly elected Treasurer for the ensuing term.

The Hon. J. M. Terrell, for Attorney-General, received 119,078 votes, and the Hon. Felix M. Cobb, 49,056 votes. The President declared the Hon. J. M. Terrell elected Attorney-General for the ensuing term.

The Hon. O. B. Stevens, for Commissioner of Agriculture, received 118,846 votes, and the Hon. A. H. Tally received 48,861 votes. The President declared the Hon. O. B. Stephens duly elected Commissioner of Agriculture for the ensuing term.

The Hon. G. R. Glenn, for State School Commissioner, received 117,854 votes; the Hon. B. M. Zetler received 49,360 votes. The President declared the Hon. G. R. Glenn duly elected State School Commissioner for the ensuing term.

The Hon. J. S. Turner, for Prison Commissioner, received 117,854 votes, and the Hon. J. S. Devitt received 49,231 votes. The President declared the Hon. J. S. Turner duly elected Prison Commissioner for the ensuing term.

The business for which the General Assembly had convened in joint session having been completed, the same was dissolved by motion of Mr. Copeland.

Whereupon, the Senate returned to its Chamber and was called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
October 28, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Steed,
Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Lang,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Little,	Thompson,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Davis,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Webb,
Dowling,	McGehee,	West,
Fouche,	McLester,	Wight,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Hodge,	Rawling ,	
Humphreys,	Redding,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Gross.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution, That a committee of five from the House and three from the Senate be appointed to make all arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies, and has appointed upon the part of the House Messrs. Knowles of Fulton, Smith of Hall, Johnson of Floyd, Emanuel of Glynn, and Reynolds of Richmond.

The House has also concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution, Appointing a joint committee to investigate what judicial officers are to be elected by the present General Assembly, and has appointed upon the part of the House, Messrs. Lang of Terrell, Moore of Carroll and Park of Green.

Upon motion of Mr. Fouché, the following House resolution was concurred in:

Resolved, That a committee of five from the House and three from the Senate be appointed to arrange for the inaugural ceremonies.

The committee on the part of the Senate are Messrs. Fouché, Bunn and Thompson.

The following communication was received from the Governor through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit:

*Mr President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

Mr. Hand was granted leave of absence for to-day and to-morrow.

The privileges of the floor were extended Hon. Nelson Tilley and James W Darviet during their stay in the city.

Also to the Hon. J. T. Beard, during his stay in the city.

This being the regular day for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were read the first time, to wit:

By Mr. Redding of the Twenty-second district—

A bill to revise the election laws of this State, and to provide the manner of holding such elections.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

Also, by Mr. Davis of the Thirty-seventh district—

A bill to repeal an act approved December 15, 1896, to amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

Also, by Mr. Underwood of the Thirty-second district—

A bill to amend section 341 of the Penal Code of Georgia.

Referred to the Committee on General Judiciary.

At 10:45 o'clock the Senate went into executive session.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the Senate took a recess subject to the call of the President.

The President called the Senate to order.

Mr. Underwood, of the Thirty-second district, chairman of the committee to ascertain what judicial officers are to be elected by the present General Assembly, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The joint committee appointed to inquire into and report what officers are to be elected by the General Assembly, find that the following Judges and Solicitors General are to be elected by this body for the terms herein stated, to wit:

Augusta Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Atlantic Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.  
Solicitors General to be elected for full term.

Brunswick Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Flint Circuit—Judge to be elected for unexpired term.  
Judge to be elected for full term.

Macon Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Middle Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Northeastern Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.  
Solicitors General to be elected for full term.

Ocmulgee Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Pataula Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Rome Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Tallapoosa Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.  
Solicitors General to be elected for full term.

Western Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Southern Circuit—Judge to be elected for full term.

Respectfully submitted.

J W UNDERWOOD,  
Chairman Senate Committee.  
WALTER E. STEED.

J A. LAING,  
Chairman House Committee.  
J. B. PARK, JR.,  
J. M. MOORE.

Mr. Fouché, chairman of the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to arrange for the inaugural ceremonies, submits the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee to which was referred the arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies, begs leave to report, that after a conference with Governor elect Candler, who expressed a preference for a simple and unostentatious inauguration, and desiring not to have any more elaborate ceremonies than is consistent with democratic simplicity,

Therefore, Your committee recommends that the Senate and House meet in joint session in the hall of the House of Representatives to-morrow at 12 o'clock m., 29th of October, 1898, for the purpose of inaugurating the Hon. Allen D. Candler as Governor of Georgia for the term of two years.

R. T. FOUCHE, Forty-second district,  
J. K. THOMPSON, Thirty-third district,  
W. C. BUNN, Thirty-eighth district,  
Committee.

The above report was adopted.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Mann of the Forty-fourth district—

Resolved, That the Doorkeeper of the Senate be authorized to appoint the usual number of assistant doorkeepers for the present session.



The following bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to amend section 3950 of the Civil Code of 1895..

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
Saturday, October 29th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o'clock..

Was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Johnson,	Redding,
Brannen,	King,	Steed,
Bunn,	Lang,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Little,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Davis,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dickeson,	Moye,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Webb,
Fouche,	McLester,	West,

Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hodge,	Perkins,	Wood,
Humphreys,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Gross,	Hand.
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The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. West moved that as Mr. Thompson, who is on the committee to arrange for the inaugural ceremonies, was out of the city, the vacancy be filled by appointment of the chair.

The President appointed Mr. Perkins to fill the vacancy.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Morrison—

Resolved, That the Messenger of the Senate be authorized to appoint an assistant doorkeeper for the rear door of the messengers room.

Upon motion of Mr. Terrell, the Senate took a recess for thirty minutes.

Thirty minutes having expired, the President called the Senate to order.

Mr. Humphries, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submits the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Rules begs leave to make the following report:

1st. To eliminate from the list of Committees of the last General Assembly the Committee for the Relief of the Supreme Court.

2nd. The committee recommends the creation of a committee to be known as the Committee on the Constitution.

3rd. The adoption of the rules of the last General Assembly, with the changes herein recommended.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. HUMPHRIES, Chairman.

The above report was agreed to.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through Mr. Warren, his Secretary, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

At 10:50 o'clock the Senate went into executive session.

Upon motion of Mr. Blalock, the Senate took a recess until 20 to 12 o'clock.

At 11:40 o'clock the President pro tem. called the Senate to order.

At 12 o'clock meridian the President called the Senate to order, and announced that the time had arrived for the two Houses to meet in joint session for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor elect, and the Senate in a body, preceded by its President and Secretary, repaired to the Representative Hall. Being announced by the Doorkeeper, they were received by the House standing.

The President of the Senate took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The Secretary of the Senate, by direction of the President, read the joint resolution under authority of which the two houses had convened in joint session.

The presence of the Governor elect at the door of the Representatives Hall was announced by the Doorkeeper, who was instructed to admit him and his attendants.

The Governor elect with the Governor, preceded by the joint committee and followed by many distinguished officers and citizens, was received by the House of Representatives.

The Governor elect, Hon. Allen D. Candler, was conducted to the Speaker's desk and was introduced by the Hon. Wm. A. Dodson, President of the Senate.

He then proceeded to deliver his Inaugural Address, at the close of which he signified his readiness to take the oath of office. The same being administered by the Hon. Chief Justice Simmons.

Ex-Governor Wm. Y Atkinson, with appropriate remarks, then delivered to his Excellency, Governor Allen D. Candler, the Great Seal of the State, by whom it was in turn delivered to the Hon. Wm. Clifton, Secretary of State.

The inaugural ceremonies being over the joint session of the General Assembly was, on motion of Mr. Knowles dissolved.

The Senate then returned to its Chamber and was called to order by the President.

The Hon. Wm. Clifton not having taken the oath as Senator from the Second Senatorial district, presented himself and the oath was administered by the Hon. Jno. S. Candler, Judge of the Stone Mountain circuit.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Little and West until Wednesday next on important business.

Upon motion of Mr. Wingfield the Senate adjourned until Monday at 12 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
12 o'clock m., October 31st, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; was called to order by the President.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Redding,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Lang,	Terrell,
Davis,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McLester,	Webb,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Gross,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Hodge,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Morrison,	West,
Little.		

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution, That the House and Senate convene in joint session to-day at 12:15 o'clock, for the purpose of electing Judges and Solicitors General.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

Resolved, That the House and Senate convene in joint session at 12:15 o'clock, for the purpose of electing Judges and Solicitors General.

The following resolution was read and adopted.

By Mr. Blalock—

Resolved, That on account of the Senators from the Fourteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-eighth, Thirtieth and Third districts being unable to hear the proceedings of the Senate, that their seats be moved in front of the President's desk.

Under the regular order the list of Senators was called for the introduction of new matter, and the following bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Davis of the Thirty-seventh district—

A bill to repeal an act approved December 17th, 1894, to provide for the registration of voters in this State.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

At 12:15 o'clock p. m. the President announced that the time for the two bodies to meet in joint session had arrived.

The Senate in a body, preceded by its President and Secretary, repaired to the Representatives Hall, and being announced by the Doorkeeper were received by the House standing.

The President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

Whereupon, the Clerk, by direction of the President, read the joint resolution under authority of which the joint session was convened.

The business of the joint session, viz., the election of Judges of the Superior Courts and Solicitors General, was proceeded with, with the following results, to wit:

The Hon. Chas. G. Janes was elected Judge of the Tallapoosa circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

Upon motion of Mr. Blalock, the joint session was dissolved until 3:05 o'clock p. m.

The Senate returned to its Chamber, and was called to order by its President.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Clifton, Terrell and Morrison.

Upon motion of Mr. Blalock, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.



3 O'clock P M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 3 o'clock; was called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. Terrell the roll call was dispensed with.

At the hour of 3:05 o'clock p. m., the Senate in a body repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives, and being received by the House, the President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The unfinished business of the morning was resumed, and the following officers were elected:

Hon. A. H. Hansell was elected Judge of the Southern Circuit for the full term of four years from the 1st day of January, 1899.

The Hon. R. B. Russell was elected Judge of the Western Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

The Hon. W M. Henry was elected Judge of the Rome Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

The Hon. H. C. Sheffield was elected Judge of the Pataula Circuit for the full term of four years, from the 1st of January, 1899.

The Hon. Jno. C. Hart was elected Judge of the Ocmulgee Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

The Hon. Jno. B. Estes was elected Judge of the Northeastern Circuit for the full term of four years, from the 1st day of January, 1899.

The Hon. B. D. Evans was elected Judge of the Middle Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

The Hon. W. T. Roberts was elected Solicitor General of the Tallapoosa Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

The Hon. W. A. Charters was elected Solicitor General of the Northeastern Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

Upon motion the joint session was dissolved, to meet again to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

The Senate returned to its Chamber, and was called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. McGehee the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
November 1st, 1898, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; was called to order by the President.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Rawlings,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Redding,
Bunn,	King,	Steed,
Clifton,	Lang,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Little,	Thompson,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Hodge,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Terrell.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following bill was read the first time, to wit:

By Mr. Humphries—

A bill to amend section 2195 of the Code of Georgia, relative to the building of depots in this State.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

The following resolution was read:

By Mr. King—

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to appoint an assistant doorkeeper for the cloak room.

Upon motion of Mr. Humphries, this resolution was referred to a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Humphries, King and Steed.

A communication from the Georgia Bar Association was read, relative to the reform of criminal procedure in this State.

And was referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The hour of 10:30 having arrived, the Senate in a body repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives, and being received by the House, the President took the chair and called the General Assembly to order.

The unfinished business of yesterday was resumed, and the following officers were elected:

The Hon. E. S. Brinson was elected Judge of the Augusta Circuit for the full term of four years, from the first of January, 1899.

The Hon. W. H. Felton was elected Judge of the Macon Circuit for the full term of four years, from the first of January, 1899.

The Hon. Jos. W. Bennett was elected Judge of the Brunswick Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

The Hon. Paul E. Seabrook was elected Judge of the Atlantic Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

The Hon. E. J. Reagan was elected Judge of the Flint Circuit for the unexpired term; also for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

The Hon. Livingston Kennon was elected Solicitor General of the Atlantic Circuit for the full term of four years, from January 1st, 1899.

Upon motion of Mr. Fouché, the joint session was dissolved.

The Senate returned to its Chamber and was called to order by its President.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Nesbitt, Morrison and Mann, on account of sickness.

Upon motion of Mr. Brannen the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
10 o'clock a. m., November 2, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; was called to order by the President.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Redding,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Lang,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Little,	Thompson,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Webb,
Douche,	McLester,	West,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Hross,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Hrovenstein,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Hodge,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Moye.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

This being the regular day for the introduction of new matter, the following resolution was read:

By Mr. Dickerson—

Resolved, That when the General Assembly adjourn on

Saturday, November 5, to take a recess until Wednesday, November 9th, for the purpose of voting for Congressmen in this State, and the time lost not to be counted in the fifty days now allowed by law.

Upon motion of Mr. King the resolution was referred to a committee of three.

The President appointed the following committee: Messrs. King, Dickerson and West, and this committee was to report on it immediately.

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to fix the mode of nominating Judges of the Superior Court and Solicitors General in this State.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to amend section 1115 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Perkins—

A resolution, Appointing a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House to visit some State where the Australian ballot system is used and report their observations.

The resolution was lost.

Mr. King, chairman of the committee to report on the resolution to adjourn Saturday, November 5th, until Wednesday, November 9th, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President.*

The committee have had under consideration the following resolution, to wit, which they direct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

Resolved, That the General Assembly adjourn on Saturday, November 5th, and take a recess until Wednesday, November 9th, at 12 o'clock m.

This report was adopted.

Mr. Brannen gave notice that at the proper time he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate in defeating the resolution appointing a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House to investigate the Australian ballot system.

Mr. Wight moved to amend the resolution adjourning from Saturday until Wednesday next, by striking 9 o'clock and inserting 12 o'clock m., which amendment was adopted.

Mr. Humphries, chairman appointed to ascertain the necessity of an extra doorkeeper for the cloak room, submitted the following report:



*Mr. President:*

The committee appointed to consider resolution No. 6, authorizing the doorkeeper to appoint an assistant doorkeeper for the cloak room, instruct me as chairman to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. HUMPHRIES, Chairman.

The above report was agreed to.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Johnson of Floyd—

A resolution inviting Hon. Daniel C. Gilman and Hon. William L. Wilson, Presidents of John Hopkins and Washington and Lee Universities, to address the General Assembly in the hall of the House of Representatives, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

Upon motion of Mr. Fouché this resolution was immediately returned to the House.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority, ayes 112, nays 0, the following House bill, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an act to cede to the Government of the United States of America jurisdiction in certain lands upon which to establish a fishery in Meriwether county, and for other purposes.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution inviting the Hon. Daniel C. Gilman, President of John Hopkins University, and the Hon. William L. Wilson, President of Washington and Lee University, to address the General Assembly of Georgia in the hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock.

By Mr. Mullins—

A bill ceding to the United States certain lands in Meriwether county, to establish a fishery.

Referred to Committee on Special Judiciary.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Wingfield and Moye from to-day's session; also Mr. Humphreys.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the Senate took a recess, subject to the call of the chair.

The Senate was called to order.

Upon motion of Mr. Heard, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
10 o'clock a. m., November 3, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Bialock,	Humphreys,	Rawlings,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Redding,
Bunn,	King,	Steed,
Clifton,	Lang,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Little,	Terrell,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Hodge,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Thompson.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Brannen moved that the following resolution be reconsidered, which was defeated yesterday.

By Mr. Perkins—

Resolved, That a committee of 3 from the Senate and 5 from the House be appointed to visit some State where the Australian ballot system is used and report their observation. The resolution was reconsidered.

The resolution was adopted as amended. The amendment was as follows. By inserting after the word "observation" the following: "Provided the State incurs no expense, by reason of the appointment of such committee."

The committee on the part of the Senate are Messrs. Perkins, Redding, and Morrison.

By unanimous consent, the following bills were read first time, to wit:

By Mr. Davis—

A bill providing for the election of County School Commissioners of this State by the qualified votes.

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to repeal an act approved November 12th, 1889, to revive the office of State Geologist and to provide for geological survey in this State.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

The following resolution was read and adopted, as amended.

By Mr. Grovenstein—

A resolution appointing a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House be appointed to look into the manner of equalizing taxes in this State. The amendment was as follows, by striking the figures three from the Senate and five from the House and inserting five from the Senate and seven from the House.

Mr. Thompson was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week. Also Mr. Fouche for the remainder of the week on account of sickness in family.

Upon motion of Mr. Hand the Senate took a recess subject to the call of the chair.

The President called the Senate to order.

The following is the Committee appointed to investigate the equalization of tax returns: Messrs Grovenstein, Hand, Fouche, Heard, Steed.

The following standing committees were appointed by the President.

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES.

PRESIDENT W. A. DODSON, *ex officio* Chairman.

Humphreys,

Redding,

Fouché,

West.

Little,

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

HON. S. T. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Hand,	Moye,
Brannen,	Odom,
Bunn,	Steed,
Dickerson,	Sutton,
Grovenstein,	Rawlings,
Johnson,	Thrasher,
Mann,	Webb.
Morrison,	

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMY OF THE BLIND.

HON. M. T. PERKINS, Chairman.

Dr. W. J. Green,	Redding,
Brannen,	Steed,
Heard,	Sutton,
Hodge,	Thrasher,
Moye,	Thompson.
Rawlings,	Wingfield.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

HON. WM. LITTLE, Chairman.

Davis,	Nesbitt,
Daniel,	Passmore,
Dowling,	Rawlings,
Gross,	Sutton,
Grovenstein,	Thompson,
Hand,	Wilcox,
Johnson,	Webb,
Moye,	Wood.

## COMMITTEE ON AUDITING.

HON. W. J. WEBB, Chairman.

Morrison,  
Clifton,

Gross.

## COMMITTEE ON BANKS.

HON. J. L. HAND, Chairman.

Blalock,  
Daniel,  
Dowling,  
Hodge,  
Lang,  
McLester,Passmore,  
Redding,  
Terrell,  
Webb,  
Wight.COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND-  
MENTS.

HON. W. S. HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

Morrison,  
Brannen,  
Hodge,  
Mann,  
Odom,Perkins,  
Thrasher,  
West,  
Wingfield.

## COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS.

HON. W. S. WEST, Chairman.

Terrell,  
Dowling,  
Humphreys,  
Little,Perkins,  
Redding,  
Thrasher.

COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSING.

HON. COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

Wingfield,	Odom,
McGehee,	Steed.

COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

HON. C. N. KING, Chairman.

Bunn,	Morrison,
Brannen,	Nesbitt.
Dickerson,	.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

HON. R. T. NESBITT, Chairman.

Thrasher,	McGehee,
Blalock,	Perkins,
Clifton,	Rawlings,
Davis,	Redding,
Hand,	Steed,
Heard,	Terrell,
Hodge,	West,
Little,	Wilcox,
Mann,	Wood.



## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

HON. E. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

West,	King,
Blalock,	Little,
Bunn,	McGehee,
Clifton,	McLester,
Hand,	Nesbitt,
Heard,	Redding,
Hodge,	Terrell,
Humphreys,	Underwood,
Fouché,	Wingfield,

COMMITTEE ON GEORGIA SCHOOL FOR  
DEAF AND DUMB.

HON. J. S. WOOD, Chairman.

Bunn,	McLester,
Dowling,	Morrison,
Fouché,	Passmore,
Green,	Rawlings,
Grovenstein,	Sutton,
King,	Webb,
Mann,	Wilcox.
Moye,	

## COMMITTEE ON GEORGIA SANITARIUM.

HON. WM. RAWLINGS, Chairman.

Daniel,	McGehee,
Blalock,	Passmore,
Clifton,	Perkins,
Davis,	Underwood,
Green,	Wight,
Gross,	Wingfield,
Grovenstein,	Wood.
Hodge,	

COMMITTEE ON HYGIENE AND SANITATION.

HON. W. J. GREEN, Chairman.

Daniel,	Thrasher,
Rawlings,	Wood.

COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS.

HON. R. B. ODOM, Chairman.

Hodge,	Moye,
Heard,	Passmore.
Lang,	

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION AND LABOR.

HON. J. W. H. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.

Wilcox,	Gross,
Daniel,	Sutton,
Davis,	Thompson.
Green,	

COMMITTEE ON JOURNAL.

HON. S. T. WINGFIELD, Chairman.

Underwood,	Gross,
Davis,	Wilcox.

## COMMITTEE ON GENERAL JUDICIARY

HON. R. T. FOUCHÉ, Chairman.

Steed,	Mann,
Brannen,	Morrison,
Clifton,	Perkins,
Dickerson,	Redding,
Hodge,	Terrell,
Humphreys,	West,
McGehee,	Wingfield.
McLester,	

## COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL JUDICIARY

HON. J. F. REDDING, Chairman.

Humphreys,	Lang,
Bunn,	Odom,
Gross,	Thrasher,
Heard,	Underwood.
King,	

## COMMITTEE ON MILITARY.

HON. WM. CLIFTON, Chairman.

Wight,	Mann,
Blalock,	Odom,
Fouché,	Terrell,
Grovenstein,	Webb.
Humphreys,	

COMMITTEE ON MINES AND MINING.

HON. W. E. MANN, Chairman.

Underwood,	King,
Johnson,	Webb.

COMMITTEE ON MANUFACTURES.

HON. W. C. BUNN, Chairman.

Dowling,	Sutton,
Hand,	Wilcox.
Little,	

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

HON. MARK T. HODGE, Chairman.

Lang,	King,
Daniel,	Moye,
Heard,	Nesbitt.
Johnson,	

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ROADS.

HON. LEONIDAS McLESTER, Chairman.

Little,	Johnson,
Davis,	Nesbitt,
Gross,	Passmore,
Hodge,	Sutton.

## COMMITTEE ON PENITENTIARY

HON. B. G. DICKERSON, Chairman.

Mann,	Lang,
Clifton,	McLester,
Daniel,	Passmore,
Davis,	Perkins,
Dowling,	Sutton,
Green,	Thompson,
Grovenstein,	Webb,
Heard,	Wood,
Johnson,	Wilcox.

## COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS.

HON. W. M. MORRISON, Chairman.

Nesbitt,	McLester,
Blalock,	Odom,
Dickerson,	Rawlings,
Gross,	Terrell,
Hodge,	Thompson,
Humphreys,	Wight,
Lang,	Wilcox.
Little,	

## COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. B. E. THRASHER, Chairman.

Grovenstein,	Redding,
McGehee,	Steed.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR.

HON. J. K. THOMPSON, Chairman.

Sutton,

Webb.

Underwood,

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PRINTING.

HON. RUFUS LANG, Chairman.

Daniel,

Moye,

Bunn,

Thrasher.

Hodge,

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

HON. W. J. DAVIS, JR., Chairman.

Sutton,

Odom,

Brannen,

Perkins.

Heard,

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

HON. W. E. STEED, Chairman.

Dickerson,

Odom,

Grovenstein,

Sutton,

Johnson,

Wight.

King,

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, HALLS  
AND COMMITTEE ROOMS.

HON. G. C. DANIEL, Chairman.

Johnson,	Webb,
Green,	Wood.
Passmore,	

## COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

HON. J. H. McGEHEE, Chairman.

Wingfield,	Nesbitt,
Brannen,	Passmore,
Fouché,	Redding,
Green,	Thrasher,
Heard,	Thompson,
Little,	Webb,
Mann,	Wilcox.

## COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE REPUBLIC.

HON. J. RENDER TERRELL, Chairman.

McLester,	McGehee,
Dowling,	Morrison,
Lang,	Webb.
Mann.	

## COMMITTEE ON RAILROADS.

HON. J. A. BRANNEN, Chairman.

Wight,	Morrison,
Daniel,	Perkins,
Dickerson,	Rawlings,
Hand,	Steed,
Little,	Terrell,
Mann,	Thompson,
McLester,	Wingfield.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit:

That the General Assembly adjourn on Saturday, November 5th, to re-convene on Wednesday, November 9th, at 12 o'clock noon, and that the three days be not counted in the fifty days provided by law for a session of the General Assembly

The following communication was received from his excellency the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Warren, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by his Excellency, the Governor, to deliver



er to the Senate a sealed communication to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body, in executive session.

The following resolution was read:

By Mr. Morrison.

Resolved by the Senate, the House concurring, that the Finance Committee of the Senate and House shall constitute a joint Finance Committee of the Senate and House.

Upon motion of Mr. Hand, this resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Upon motion of Mr. Humphreys the Senate went into executive session at 11 o'clock.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint House resolutions in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

Thanking the Hon. W. J. Northen for distinguished services rendered the State of Georgia, at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition held at Omaha, Nebraska.

Also,

Inviting the Hon. Fleming G. DuBignon to address the General Assembly on ballot reform, and providing for a

committee of one from the Senate and two from the House to formally extend this invitation, and has appointed upon the part of the House Messrs. Reynolds of Richmond and Slaton of Fulton.

Also,

That his Excellency the Governor, be requested to present to the present General Assembly a full statement of the present financial condition of the State, and for other purposes.

The following House resolution was read:

By Mr. Pope of Green.

A resolution respectfully requesting his Excellency, the Governor, to furnish to the present General Assembly a full statement of the State's financial condition.

Concurred in by the Senate.

By Mr. Lane of Bibb.

A resolution thanking the Hon. W J Northen for his distinguished services while representing the State of Georgia at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition held at Omaha, Neb.

Referred to special committee consisting of Messrs. Hand, Wight, and Davis.

Also by Mr. Reynolds of Richmond.

A resolution inviting the Hon. Fleming G. DuBignon

to address the General Assembly on Ballot Reform, and appoint a committee of one from the Senate and two from the House to notify him of the invitation. The committee on part of the Senate is Mr. Redding.

The following Senate resolution was read and adopted:  
By Mr. West.

Resolved that 200 copies of the standing committees of the Senate be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Redding, chairman of the Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Special Judiciary have had under consideration the following House bill, which I am directed to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that same do pass, to-wit:

A bill to cede to the Government of the United States certain lands in Meriwether county upon which to establish a fishery.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F REDDING, Chairman.

The following House bill was read second time, to wit:  
By Mr. Mullins.

A bill granting to the United States Government certain lands in Meriwether County to establish a fishery thereon.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
11 o'clock a. m., November 4th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Redding,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Lang,	Terrell,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Hodge,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Nesbitt,	Thompson,
Gross,	Odom,	Wight.
Little,		

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

By unanimous consent the following House bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage.

By Mr. Mullins.

A bill granting to the United States Government certain lands in Meriwether County to establish a fishery thereon.

Mr. Terrell moved to amend by inserting after the word "eighteen" in the eleventh line and before "in," the word "acres." The amendment was agreed to.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 35, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Mr. King, chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

*Mr President:*

The committee on Enrollment report as duly enrolled and ready for the signature of the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, the following Senate resolution, to wit:

A resolution adjourning the General Assembly from November 5th to November 9th at 12 o'clock m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. KING, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Morrison was allowed to withdraw the following resolution.

A resolution, making the Finance Committee of the Senate and House a Joint Finance Committee.

Mr. Dickerson moved that when the Senate adjourn to-day, it stand adjourned until Wednesday next.

Upon motion of Mr. King this motion was referred to a committee of three.

The President appointed Messrs. Dickerson, King, and Fouche to constitute this committee.

Mr. Hand, chairman of the special committee to whom was referred House resolution No. 24, submits the following report:

*Mr. President.*

The special committee, to whom was referred House resolution No. 24, directs me to report same back with the recommendation that it do pass as amended.

Respectfully submitted,

HAND, Chairman,  
WIGHT,  
DAVIS.

By unanimous consent Mr. Dickerson was allowed to withdraw the motion to adjourn from to-day until Wednesday next.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in as amended.

By Mr. Lane of Bibb—

A resolution thanking the Hon. W. J. Northen for the

valuable services rendered the State, in representing it at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. The amendment was as follows:

By inserting after the words "distinguished associates" in the 5th line the following, E. F. Blodget, Geo. C. Smith, C. E. Harman, W. A. Hemphill, T. H. Richardson, J. S. B. Thompson, J. F. Delacy, W. Y. Atkinson, Edwin Brabsten, W. A. Knowls, Thos. R. Scott, Geo. Ketchum, W. J. Kincade, D. B. Dyere, and P. A. Stovall.

The following Senate bills were read first time, to wit:

By Mr. Dickerson.

A bill to reduce and regulate the fees of Notaries Public and officers in this State, whose duty it is to protest notes, etc.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also, By Mr. Underwood.

A bill to allow constables in this State to levy and collect Superior Court fi. fas.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Passmore, Perkins, Steed, Dowling, Brannen, Little, Odom, Wight, Wood, Underwood, Sutton, Clifton, and King, also President Dodson, and Mr. West, Mann, McGehee and Thrasher.

Upon motion of Mr. Terrell, the bill passed to-day will be immediately returned to the House.

The following resolution was read and adopted.

By Mr. Davis.

A resolution extending to the Hon. W. A. Dodson the earnest sympathies of the Senate on account of the serious illness of his father.

Upon motion of Mr. Heard the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
November 5th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock a. m., was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Blalock, the roll call was dispensed with.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. King, Chairman of Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee report as duly enrolled and signed by



the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, and ready for the signature of the Governor the following resolution:

A resolution adjourning the General Assembly on Saturday November 5th until 12 o'clock m. November 9th. The three days not to be taken out of the fifty day's session.

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. KING, Chairman.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary Mr. Warren, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

On motion of Mr. Redding the Senate adjourned until Wednesday 12 o'clock m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
Wednesday, November 9th, 12 o'clock m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 12 o'clock m., was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Redding,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Lang,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Little.	Thompson,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Webb,
Fouche,	McLester,	West,
Greene,	Morrison,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Hodge,	Rawlings,	

The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment inserting the word "acres" after the word "eighteen" and

before the word "in" in line eleven, section II., of the following House bill, to wit:

A bill ceding to the Government of the United States certain lands in Meriwether County, Georgia, upon which to establish a fishery, and for other purposes.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to inquire into and report the condition of the State Treasury on the first of November, 1898.

The House has also concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution that a committee of three from the Senate and five from the House be appointed to visit some State on November 8th, 1898, having the Australian Ballot system, and report to the General Assembly their observations, and has appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Smith of Hall, Harrell of Dodge, Hardwick of Washington, Holder of Jackson, and Watkins of Gilmer.

This being the regular day for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were introduced, read 1st time and referred, viz.:

By Mr. Steed.

A bill requiring sleeping car companies to furnish separate compartment of cars for white and colored passengers.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Underwood.

A bill to exempt purchase money notes for land from taxation in all cases where the land itself is given in so that the lands and notes both shall not be taxed.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Underwood.

A bill to allow county officers of this State until the first of January to make their bonds.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in, to wit:

By Mr. Blalock—

A resolution to inquire into and ascertain the condition of the State Treasury on the 1st of November, 1898.

By Mr. Mann—

A bill authorizing the railroad commission of Georgia to prescribe rates, rules, and regulations for the government and control of such corporations operating sleeping cars in this State.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill providing for the election of judges and solicitors of the various city courts of this State by the electors of their respective counties.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

Upon motion of Mr. Terrell the Senate went into executive session.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Dickerson and Green on account of sickness in family.

Upon motion of Mr. Davis the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
Thursday, November 10th, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Steed,
Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Lang,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Mann,	Thompson,
Daniel,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Davis,	Moye,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Webb,
Fouche,	McLester,	West,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Perkins,	Wood,
Hodge,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,	Redding,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Dickerson,

Gross,

Little.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following petition was read, which is a petition asking the General Assembly to join in the Peace Jubilee to be held in Atlanta on December 15th, 1898.

Referred to Committee on State of the Republic.

The following resolution was read and adopted.

By Mr. Blalock—

A resolution authorizing the Hon. C. P. Hansell, assistant Secretary, to act as Secretary of Senate in case the Secretary is absent.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend section 341 of the penal code of 1895.

Also, a bill to repeal an act approved December 15th, 1896. To amend section 1656 of the Code of Georgia of 1882.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee of five from the House and three from the Senate to prepare suitable and appropriate resolutions upon the death of Hon. W. T. Jones, representative of Dougherty county, and for other purposes, and has appointed on the part of the House, Messrs. Tatum of Dade, Hall of Bibb, Copeland of Walker, Swift of Elbert, and Lane of Early.

The following Senate bills were read second time, which had a favorable report from committee.

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to amend section 341 of the penal code of 1895.

Also, by Mr. Davis—

A bill to repeal an act approved December 15th, 1896. To amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Tatum—

A resolution to appoint a committee of five from House and three from the Senate to prepare suitable resolutions

upon the death of Hon. W. T. Jones, representative from Dougherty County. The committee on the part of the Senate are Messrs. Wight, Nesbitt, and Steed.

Upon motion of Mr. Underwood, the following bill was withdrawn from the Finance Committee and referred to the Committee on Mines and Mining:

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to abolish the office of State Geologist in this State.

By unanimous consent the following bill was read first time, to wit:

By Mr. Wight—

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to employ a bookkeeper and stenographer for the Agricultural department.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Daniel, Chairman of the Committee on Public Property, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Public Property instruct me to report the following rooms for Committee meetings:

No. 1—Railroad Corporations.

No. 2—General Judiciary.

No. 3—Special Judiciary and Education.

No. 4—Banks and Penitentiary.



No. 5—Finance and Appropriations.

No. 6—Public Property.

No. 17—Agriculture.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. DANIEL, Chairman.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through Mr. Warren, his Secretary, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing.

The following communication was read from his Excellency, the Governor.

MESSAGE.

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STATE OF GEORGIA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
ATLANTA, November 9, 1898.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives :*

It is by the constitution made the duty of the Governor to give to the General Assembly, from time to time, "information of the State of the commonwealth," and in the discharge of this duty it is incumbent on me at the very threshold of your official duties to advise you of a serious deficiency in the public revenues.

For several years past a spirit of liberality in the appropriation of money from the public treasury, not warranted by the stringency of the times and the ability of the people to pay taxes, has been apparent, and frequent large supplemental appropriations have been made at the second session of each legislature, for the payment of which no adequate provision has been made. We have, in our anxiety to provide for the necessities of the institutions and objects for which it is the duty of the State to provide, lost sight of the constantly growing inability of the people to bear the ever increasing burden of taxation. Our annual appropriations from the treasury and the annual rate of taxation have increased year after year, while all values have shrunken, and the prices of our annual crops and of labor, and of all the products of labor, have gone continually lower and lower, and the ability to pay of all those

who have to bear the burthens of taxation has grown constantly less.

Owing to the continual increase in the shrinkage in values, and the disposition of men to evade in hard times the demands of the tax-gatherer, and to conceal from him such property as can be concealed, the annual revenues of the State have, year after year, fallen short of the estimates. From these causes, and the additional fact that in some instances appropriations have been made without adequate provision for their payment, there will not be in the treasury, on the first of July, money enough to meet the demands on it; and this, too, in the face of the fact that the rate of taxation and the aggregate amount of taxes collected from the people is the largest in the history of the State. It is to advise you of this grave situation that this communication is sent you, in order that you, in your wisdom, may provide by proper legislation to meet the emergency, and prevent a recurrence of the condition that now confronts us.

In order to be fully advised of the real condition of the treasury as it now is, and as it will be on the first of July, I, on the 7th instant, addressed to the State treasurer a communication calling for a statement of the actual available cash balance in the treasury on the first day of the present month, the probable receipts at the treasury from all sources between that date and the first day of July next, inclusive, and the probable disbursements on all accounts on and prior to the last named date, so as to show the condition of the treasury on the first day of July, 1899. This date has been selected because at that time

the cash balance in the treasury is usually at its lowest. The statement asked for was promptly sent to this department by the treasurer, and is as follows :

Civil Establishment ..	\$ 66,783 33
Contingent Fund ..	8,432 01
Military Fund .. .. .	30,558 62
Fertilizer Fund ... .. .	5,501 32
Geological Fund .. . . .	4,026 86
Penitentiary Fund. ....	2,500 00
Prison Fund .. . . .	75,000 00
School Fund .... .. .	1,256,483 96
Solicitors-General ...	2,160 00
Overpayments refunded ..	2,106 39
Insurance Fund ..... ..	7,837 90
Library Fund .... .	1,546 10
Public debt .. . . .	272,000 00
Temporary loan ..	200,000 00
Memorial Fund ..... .	14,524 24
Printing Fund. .. .	15,000 00
Public Building Fund .....	16,810 48
Technological School ..	11,250 00
North Georgia Agricultural College..	3,000 00
State Normal School ...	11,250 00
Georgia Normal and Ind. School .....	11,450 00
State Sanitarium .. .	214,000 00
Trustees Sanitarium ... ..	1,820 00
Department of Agriculture ..	5,000 00
Printing Fund R. R. Com. ..	493 11
School for Deaf. .. .	12,500 00
Repairing Capitol .. .	816 80
Academy for Blind .. .	15,000 00
Trustees University .. .	600 00
Contingent Fund R. R. Com. ....	400 00
Clerk Supreme Court costs.....	1,000 00
Legislative pay-roll. .. .	69,000 00
Penitentiary Fund. Special account.	1,500 00

Printing Supreme Court Reports ..	\$	4,000	00
School for Colored .. .. .		8,000	00
State University .. .. .		8,000	00
Pensions .. .. .		640,000	00
Land Scrip Fund .. .. .		6,314	14
Cont. Exp. Supreme Court. ..		900	00
Probable additional appropriation..		100,000	00—3,107,565 26
Due July 1st, 1899:			
Salaries .. .. .		35,000	00
Interest on public debt. ....		170,000	00
Public institutions .. .. .		62,350	00
Sinking Fund Reserve. ....		100,000	00— 367,350 00
			\$ 3,474,915 26

STATEMENT SHOWING PROBABLE CONDITION OF THE TREASURY  
JULY 1, 1899.

Cash on hand Nov. 1, 1898. ..	\$	275,030	07
General tax .. .. .	.\$	2,113,109	00
Poll tax. ....		223,838	66
Artists' tax .. .. .		809	00
Billiard tax .. .. .		4,636	00
Liquor tax. ....		85,763	67
Show tax. ....		5,983	64
Insolvent General tax .. .. .		10,613	16
Insolvent Poll tax. ....		1,354	65
Insurance fees .. .. .		11,896	40
Insurance Agents' tax. ....		6,810	00
Pistol tax .. .. .		4,301	90
Telephone tax .. .. .		3,157	07
Sewing Machine Agents ..		885	00
Oil fees .. .. .		10,616	22
Office fees. ....		2,053	45
Railroad tax .. .. .		259,889	48
Insurance tax .. .. .		29,402	94
Interest from Banks. ....		6,088	62
Costs on <i>fi. fas.</i> .. .. .		31	50
Interest on <i>fi. fas.</i> .. .. .		226	44
Rental W. & A. R. R .. .. .		280,008	00
Lightning Rod tax .. .. .		90	00

Fertilizer fees.. .. .	\$	3,933 28
Tax on Games. ....		225 00
Auctioneers' tax. ....		157 50
Tax on Specialists. ....		82 40
Sales Supreme Court Reports ..		3,905 50
Hire of Convicts. ....		25,000 00
Tax on Peddlers. ....		1,414 40
Money Refunded .....		60 00
Wild Land tax. ....		6 38
Telegraph tax. ....		1,997 06
Tax on Pawnbrokers .....		1,305 00
Sale of Codes .. ...		1,800 00
Sale of Acts ....		54 00
Tax on Futures Dealers .. ..		4,950 00
Tax on Patent Vendors.... ..		9 00
Tax on Sewing Machine Companies ..		1,200 00
Tax on Agencies .....		360 00
Tax on Loan Agents .. ..		72 00
Tax on Brewing Companies. ....		900 00
Tax on Cold Storage ..		720 00
Dividends from Stocks .. ..		1,498 00
Tax on Express Companies ..		2,897 37
Tax on Sleeping Car Companies.		895 00
Lease Oyster Lands... ..		15 00— 3,115,021 69
		<u>\$3,390,051 76</u>
Deficit.. .. .		\$84,863 50

From it, it will be seen that there will be a probable deficit of nearly eighty-five thousand dollars on the first day of July. In other words, the money now in the treasury and that to be paid into the treasury between now and the last named date will lack about eighty-five thousand dollars of being sufficient to meet the legitimate demands on the treasury for the same period of time. In this estimate is not included four hundred thousand dollars which will be due the teachers of the public schools on the 20th

of July, 1899, for their second quarter's work, for the payment of which no provision has been made.

In this connection it is perhaps my duty to add that there remains approved by the Pension Commissioner and unpaid for the want of funds, pension claims to the aggregate amount of about sixty thousand dollars. It must be borne in mind that these deficits are all for the present year. If the same appropriations are made for the next year, and the rate of taxation remains the same as for this year, the aggregate amount of deficit on July 1st, 1900, will be at least twice as great as it will be in July, 1899.

Thus the condition that confronts us is this: we must either reduce appropriations or largely increase the rate of taxation, when it is already greater than it has ever been in the history of the State, and when our people, especially our farmers, upon whom the burden of taxation largely falls, are, owing to the unprecedentedly low price of their products, less able to pay taxes than they have ever been in the past. This is a grave situation, and it behooves us to meet it with due regard alike for the taxpayers of the State and the persons and institutions for which the State is both legally and morally bound to provide.

I submit these facts to the representatives of the people for their consideration and prompt action, feeling assured that they in their wisdom will solve the problem presented without any increase in the present rate of taxation, which under existing circumstances is already onerous and all that our people should for any purpose whatever be required to bear.

A. D. CANDLER,  
Governor.

Mr. Hand moved that 200 copies of the Governor's message just read be printed for the use of the Senate, which motion was carried.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed the Senate adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
Friday, November 11th, 1898, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Lang,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Davis,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	Moye,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Webb,
Greene,	McLester,	West,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Perkins,	Wood,
Hodge,	Redding,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,		



Those absent were Messrs.—

Brannen,  
Dickerson,  
Gross,

Little,  
Odom,

Rawlings,  
Wilcox.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following bills, which it instructs me to report back to Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend section 3950 of the Civil Code of 1895, by adding after the word "circumstances" in the 4th line of said section, the following proviso, to wit: "Provided discovery is expressly prayed for in the plaintiff's petition."

Also, a bill to regulate the fees of notaries public in this State, whose duty it is to protest notes, and give notice of endorsers.

Also, a bill to allow county officers of this State until the 1st of January to make their bonds.

The committee also recommends that the following bill pass by substitute:

A bill to require sleeping car companies to separate white and colored passengers. To extend police power to conductors on such trains and for other purposes.

The committee have also had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the introducer be allowed to withdraw the same.

A bill to fix the mode of nominating judges of the Superior Court and Solicitors General of this State by their judicial circuits.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment adding the names of the Hon. W. J. Northen's associates on Georgia's Commission to the Omaha Exposition, to the following resolution of the House, to wit:

A resolution thanking the Hon. W. J. Northen and his distinguished associates for services rendered as the State's representatives at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition held at Omaha, Nebraska.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Wingfield—

A resolution authorizing the President to appoint six pages and the Secretary of Senate to appoint five porters.

The following bills were read third time to be put upon their passage.

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to amend section 341 of the Code of 1895, relative to the carrying concealed weapons.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following bills were read first time, under regular order.

By Mr. King—

A bill to provide for the registration of votes in this State and for other purposes.

Referred to Committee on Special Judiciary.

By Mr. McGehee—

A bill fixing the salary and duties of stenographer of the Superior Courts of this State.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also, By Mr. Davis—

A bill to repeal an act approved December 15th, 1896. To amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882.

Upon motion of Mr. Humphreys the bill was recommended to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following bills were read second time, to wit:

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to amend section 3950 of the Civil Code of 1895.

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to allow County officers of this State until the first of January to make their bonds.

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to regulate the fees of notaries public and other officers whose duty it is to protest notes and give notice of endorsers.

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to require sleeping car companies to separate white and colored passengers and to extend police powers to conductors.

By unanimous consent the following bill was withdrawn by the author:

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to fix the mode of nominating Judges of the Superior Court and Solicitors General of this State by their judicial circuits.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Sen-

ate, a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body, in executive session.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

By Mr. Blalock, Chairman Appropriation Committee—

Resolved, That the Hon. E. S. Wight be added to the Appropriation Committee.

The following bill was withdrawn from the Committee on Mines and Mining and referred to the Finance Committee:

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to abolish the office of State Geologist in this State.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Little, Brannen, Thompson, Underwood for to-morrow.

Mr. West moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Davis moved as a substitute that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow. The substitute was lost.

And the motion to adjourn until Monday at 12 o'clock was carried.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
November 14th, 12 o'clock m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Johnson,	Steed,
Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Lang,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Mann,	Thompson,
Daniel,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Davis,	Moye,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Webb,
Fouche,	McLester,	West,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Perkins,	Wood,
Hodge,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,	Redding,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Dickerson,	Gross,	Little.
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The Journal of Friday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority, ayes 114, nays 0, the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to alter and amend section four and five of an act to incorporate the City of Elberton in Elbert County, and for other purposes.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority, ayes 102, nays 0, the following Bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend the act of September 6th, 1891, and acts amendatory thereof, establishing a Criminal Court of Atlanta, by providing for the election of the judge and solicitor thereof by the people of Fulton County, and for other purposes.

Also the following House bill, ayes 98, nays 0, to wit:

A bill to amend the act of December 15th, 1871, and acts amendatory thereof, establishing a City Court for Atlanta, by providing for the election of the Judge thereof by the people of Fulton County, and for other purposes.

Under the regular order the following bills were introduced and read first time:

By Mr. Bunn—

A bill to define and punish oral slander or defamation of character.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

Also, By Mr. Clifton—

A bill to provide for a uniform series of text-books for the schools of this State.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Also, By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to make it unlawful to require any regular chartered Railroad Company to connect by side track or tracks or in any other way with tram roads not duly chartered in terms of the law.

Referred to Railroad Committee.

Also, by Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the net proceeds arising from the inspection of oils and fertilizers.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Under the regular order the following House bills were read first time, to wit:

By Mr. Swift—

A bill to amend section 4 and 5 of an act to incorporate the city of Elberton in Elbert County, approved December 19th, 1896. To declare what officers shall constitute the municipal government of said city.

Referred to Committee on Special Judiciary.



Also, by Messrs. Slaton, Brandon and Knowles—

A bill to amend the act of September 6th, 1891, and acts amendatory thereof, establishing the criminal court of Atlanta, by providing for the election of Judge and solicitor by the people.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary

Also, by Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the act of December 15th, 1871, and acts amendatory thereof, to establish a city court in Atlanta and providing for the election of the Judge and Solicitor by the people.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution inviting the Hon. George T. Barnes of Richmond to address the General Assembly on the "Nicaraguan Canal," in the hall of the House on Thursday evening the 17th inst., at 7:30 o'clock.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

His Excellency, the Governor, has approved and signed the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, that when the General Assembly adjourns on Saturday, November 5th, it will stand adjourned until Wednesday, November 9th at 12 o'clock m., and that the 3 days are not to be taken out of the 50 days allowed by law.

Upon motion of Mr. Humphreys, Senate bill No. 12 was temporarily tabled on account of the author of it being absent.

The following bill was read 3d time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to amend Section 3950 of the Civil Code of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0; the bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also, by Mr. Underwood—

A bill to allow county officers of this State until the first of January to make their bonds.

The following amendment was adopted: Amend by inserting after the word "State" and before the word "shall"

in the ninth line of said section, the words "including those elected at the last election."

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 29, nays 0; the bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was recommended to the General Judiciary Committee:

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to require sleeping car companies to furnish separate cars for colored and white passengers.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. West—

A resolution appointing a committee of 3 from the House and 2 from the Senate to consider the report of the special attorney of the Western & Atlantic R. R

The committee on part of Senate are Messrs. West and Blalock.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution inviting the Hon. Geo. T. Barnes to address the General Assembly on the Nicaraguan Canal Thursday evening the 17th inst., at 7:30 o'clock.

The reports of the State Treasurer and Comptroller-General were referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Deaf and Dumb School were granted leave of absence to visit that institution.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed the Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
Tuesday, November 15th, 1898, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment; was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Hodge,	Redding,
Brannen,	Humphreys,	Steed,
Clifton,	Johnson,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Lang,	Thompson,
Davis,	Little,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	Mann,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Odom,	Wood,
Heard,	Perkins,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Bunn,	Morrison,	Sutton,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Webb,
Gross,	Passmore,	Wilcox.
King,	Rawlings,	

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report.

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same be read second time and recommended to this committee.

A bill to revise the election laws of this State, to provide the manner of holding the same, and for other purposes.

The Committee also recommends that the author be allowed to withdraw the following bill:

A bill to amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882.

The Committee also recommends that the following bill do not pass.

A bill to exempt purchase money notes for land from taxation, so that the land and notes both will not be taxed.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Upon motion of Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, Mr. Underwood was added to the Committee on General Judiciary.

Upon motion of Mr. Redding, 100 copies of the following bill was ordered printed, for the use of the Senate.

A bill to provide the manner of holding elections in this State.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Morrison and Gross on account of sickness in family.

Under the regular order the roll call was ordered for the introduction of new matter.

The following bills were read 1st time.

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 72 in the 8th sub-section, which refers to the selection of election managers.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

Also, by Mr. Redding—

A bill to provide for the election by people of County Court Judges and solicitors in the State of Georgia.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

The following bill was read second time and recommended to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Redding—

A bill to provide the manner of holding elections in this State.

The following bill was read second, with adverse report from committee.

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to exempt from taxation purchase money notes for land.

The report of committee was agreed to, and bill was lost.

By unanimous consent the following bill was withdrawn by the author:

By Mr. Davis—

A bill to amend section 1656 of the Code of 1882.

The following bills were read first time:

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to regulate practice in the Superior Court and City Courts of this State.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2636 of the Code of Ga, relative to using the name of persons in partnership concerns.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President.*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee of fifteen from the House and five from the Senate to visit the State University of Georgia, the Georgia Normal School, and the Georgia State Normal and Industrial College, and report the various conditions, needs and wants of the same.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority, ayes 91, nays 0, the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend section 2417 of volume II. of the code of Georgia of 1895, and for other purposes.

Also, the following bill of the House, ayes 116, nays 0, to wit:

A bill to require all persons offering for sale any cotton seed hulls, or cotton seed meal in bales, sacks or packages to have plainly stamped or branded on each package the weight thereof, and for other purposes.

Also, the following bill of the House, ayes 97, nays 0, to wit:



A bill to amend the charter of the town of Loganville, in Walton County, and for other purposes.

Also, the following bill of the House, ayes 106, nays 0, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Fitzgerald in the county of Irwin, and for other purposes.

Also, the following House resolution was read:

By Mr. Denny—

A resolution appointing a committee of fifteen from the House and five from the Senate, to visit the State University, Georgia Normal School and other educational institutions in this State.

Mr. Wight offered a substitute for the above resolution which provides, that there shall be three committees composed of fifteen from House and five from the Senate instead of only one.

Upon motion of Mr. West the House resolution and substitute just read was referred to the Committee on Education.

The following House bills were read first time, to wit:

By Mr. Swift—

A bill to require all persons offering for sale any cotton seed meal or cotton seed hulls to have the weight of same printed on it.

Referred to the Agricultural Committee.

By Mr. Henderson of Irwin—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Fitzgerald and for other purposes.

Referred to the Corporations Committee.

Also, by Mr. Calvin—

A bill to amend section 2417 of volume II. of 1895, relative to the issuing marriage license.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, by Mr. Felker—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Loganville in Walton County.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following bill was read first time, to wit:

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to amend section 3761 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to make a thorough investigation of the Geological Department of the State, and report back to the General Assembly their observations, and has appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Tatum, Park of Greene and Beauchamp.

The House has also concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee to consider the report of the special Attorney of the Western & Atlantic Railroad, and to consider the report of Wimbish concerning the true northern boundary of this State, and has appointed on the part of the House Messrs. Blalock, Brandon and Denny.

The following House resolution was read and referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Tatum—

A resolution to appoint a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to make an investigation of the office of State Geologist.

Upon motion of Mr. Daniel the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
November 16th, 1898, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Redding,
Brannen,	King,	Steed,
Bunn,	Lang,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Little,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Davis,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McLester,	Webb,
Greene,	Moye,	West,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Hand,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hodge,	Perkins,	Wood,
Humphreys,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Dickerson,                      Gross.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. West, Chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President.*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that same be read second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Fitzgerald.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. WEST, Chairman.

The following bill was read second time and recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee:

By Mr. Henderson of Irwin—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Fitzgerald in the county of Irwin.

Leave of absence was granted the Committee to visit the Georgia Sanitarium on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Brannen, Chairman of the Railroad Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Railroad Committee to whom was referred Senate bill, No. 23, by Senator Humphreys, of the 7th District, instructs me to report said bill with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. BRANNEN, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which I am directed to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that same do not pass, to wit:

A bill providing for the election of judges and solicitors of the city and county courts of this State by the people.

Also, a bill to regulate the practice in the superior courts of this State.

Also, a bill to amend section 3761 of of the Code of 1895.

The committee has also directed me to report back to the Senate the following House bill, with the recommendation that same do not pass, to wit:

A bill to amend section 2417, volume 3 of the Code of 1895, relating to the issuing and return of marriage license.

The committee also request me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that same do pass, as amended, the following resolution of the House, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to make an investigation of the Geological department.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

The following bills were read second time, with adverse report from committee:

A bill providing for the election of judges and solicitors of the city and county courts of this State.

Report of committee was agreed to, and bill was lost.

Also, a bill to regulate the practice in the superior courts of this State.

The report of committee was agreed to, and bill was lost.

A bill to amend section 3761 of the Code of 1895.

Report of committee was agreed to and bill lost.

The following House bill was read the second time with adverse report from committee:

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to amend section 2417, volume 3 of the Code of 1895.

Report of committee was agreed to and bill lost.

The following Senate bill was read the second time:

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to make it unlawful to require any regularly chartered railroad company to connect by sidetrack or any other way with tram roads, not duly chartered in the terms of the law.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in as amended:

By Mr. Tatum—

A resolution to appoint a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to investigate the Geological survey.

Committee on part of Senate are Messrs. Perkins and Wingfield.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Thursday, November 17, 10 o'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the president.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Little,	Sutton,
Brannen,	Mann,	Terrell,
Bunn,	Morrison,	Thompson,
Clifton,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Daniel,	McGehee,	Underwood,
Dickerson,	McLester,	Webb,



Dowling,	Nesbitt,	West,
Fouche,	Odom,	Wight,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wilcox,
Heard,	Perkins,	Wingfield,
Johnson,	Redding,	Wood,
King,	Steed,	Mr. President.
Lang,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Davis,	Grovenstein,	Humphreys,
Greene,	Hodge,	Rawlings.
Gross,		

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

*Mr President:*

The Committee on Education have had under consideration the following resolution of the House, which they request me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that same do pass as amended, to wit:

A resolution appointing a committee to visit the State University, Georgia State Normal School, Georgia Normal and Industrial College.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. NESBITT, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee has had under consideration the following bill, which it instructs me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass by substitute:

A bill to allow constables to levy and collect superior court fi. fas. where the same are levied on personal property.

A bill to require sleeping car companies and railroad companies, operating sleeping cars in this State, to furnish separate apartments for white and colored passengers.

Also, a bill to amend section 72 in the 8th sub-section, which refers to the duties of election managers.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in as amended:

By Mr. Denny—

A resolution appointing a committee of fifteen from the House and five from the Senate to visit the State University, and other Georgia Educational institutions.

The amendment was by striking 15 where it occurs, and insert 5, and striking 5 where it occurs and insert 3.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite Constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend section 765 of the third volume of the Code of Georgia of 1895, relating to *certioraries* from the county courts.

Passed. Ayes 108, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 398 of the third volume of the Code of Georgia, touching gaming houses.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 101 of the Code of Georgia, relating to the election of justices of the peace.

Passed. Ayes 102, Nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 105 of the Code of Georgia, relating to time and place of election of constables in this State, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 105, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 698, volume 3 of the Code of 1895, which relates to setting on fire woods, etc., and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 112, nays 0.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Roads and Revenues for the county of Twiggs, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 114, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the Home Loan and Banking Company of Atlanta.

Passed. Ayes 104, nays 6.

Also, a bill to prevent the baiting or killing of doves thus baited in this State, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 97, nays 0.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the superior court of Dodge county, in Oconee Circuit, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 112, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act, entitled an Act to create a Board of Roads and Revenues for the county of Houston, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 108, nays 0.

Also a bill to extend the laws of Georgia applicable to charitable and benevolent institutions for the custody of children, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 132, nays 0.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to allow constables to levy and collect superior court *fi. fas.* when the same is levied on personal property, and the amount does not exceed \$100.

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 72 in the 8th sub-section, which refers to the duties of election superintendents.

The following House bills were read the first time, to wit:

By Mr. Bryan of Floyd—

A bill to amend section 101, relative to the election of justices of the peace.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Bryan of Floyd—

A bill to amend section 105 of the Code of Georgia, relative to the time and place for election of constables.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Duncan—

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to create a Board of Roads and Revenues for the county of Houston.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to extend the operation of the laws of Georgia, applicable to charitable and benevolent institutions for the custody of children, incorporated under the Act approved December 18, 1894.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Griffin—

A bill to create a Board of Roads and Revenues for the county of Twiggs.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Adams—

A bill to amend section 698, volume 3 of the the Code of 1895.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Harrell—

A bill to change the time for holding the superior court of Dodge county, in the Oconee Circuit.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to amend section 765 of the third volume of the Code of 1895, referring to *certioraries* from the county courts.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to amend section 398 of the third volume of the Code of Georgia, touching gaming-houses.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Harvard of Dooly—

A bill to prevent the baiting and killing of doves in this State.

Referred to Committee on General Judiciary.

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the charter of the Home Loan and Banking Company of Atlanta.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By unanimous consent Mr. Steed was added to the Finance Committee.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration House bill No. 14, to amend the charter of the city of Fitzgerald, which they instruct me, as their chairman, to report back to the Senate that the same do pass, as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. WEST, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Wingfield—

A bill to require all guano companies and dealers in guano in this State to return for taxation all of their assets in every county they do business.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Mr. King—

A bill to change the time of holding superior courts in the Cherokee Circuit.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following House bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage.

By Mr. Henderson—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Fitzgerald in the county of Irwin.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, as amended, and the amendment was as follows:

By striking from the caption the words "For an Act," after the word "A bill."

Mr. West moved that the bill just passed be immediately transmitted to the House.

Upon motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Friday, November 18th, 11 o'clock a. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Redding, the roll call was dispensed with.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Fitzgerald, in the county of Irwin, and for other purposes.

Amend by striking the words, "For an Act," in the caption of said bill.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendments to the following resolutions of the House, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee of fifteen from the House and five from the Senate to visit the University of Georgia, and other State institutions.

Amend by striking the word "fifteen" wherever it appears, and insert in lieu thereof the word "five," and by striking the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "three," and by adding thereto, each member of the committee be allowed no pay, except actual expenses on an itemized account.

Also, a resolution to appoint three from the House and two from the Senate to make an investigation of the Geological department, and report back to the General Assembly such recommendations as they may deem best.

Amend, by striking all of said resolution preceding the words, "Be it resolved," and by striking all that part following the words, "Report back to the General Assembly such recommendations as they may deem best."

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution, indorsing James H. Blount, Jr., a member of the Georgia bar, and for other purposes.

The House has also passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to provide compensation for jurors in forcible entry and detainer cases, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 102, nays 1.

Also, a bill to authorize and provide for the preparation and issuance to the banks and banking associations chartered by the State, of circulating notes; to protect the same, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 2. \*

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration, the following bills, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to change the time of holding the superior courts in the Cherokee Circuit.

Also, a bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to create a Board of Roads and Revenues for the county of Houston.

Also, a bill to prevent the baiting or killing doves thus baited in this State.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do not pass:

A bill to amend section 398 of the third volume of the Code, touching gaming houses.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee has had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended:

A bill to amend section 765 of the third volume of the Code of 1895, referring to certioraries from the county courts.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, Chairman Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Special Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act for the registration of voters, making the tax receiver the registrar, instead of the tax-collector.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report

back to the Senate, with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to alter and amend section 4 and 5 of an Act to incorporate the city of Elberton.

Also, a bill to amend section 101 of the Code, relating to the time and place of holding elections for justices of the peace in this State.

Also, a bill to amend section 105 of the Code, relating to the time and place of holding elections for constables in this State.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Roads and Revenues of Twiggs county.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the superior court of Dodge county.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Loganville, Ga.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. REDDING, Chairman.

This being the regular day for the introduction of new matter, the following resolution was read:

By Mr. Thrasher—

A resolution, appointing a committee of 10 from the

House and 5 from the Senate, to investigate the financial condition of the State and report the result to the General Assembly

Read and adopted.

The committee on the part of the Senate are Messrs. Wight, chairman, Thrasher, Hand, Blalock and Little.

By Mr. Wight—

A bill creating a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Albany, in the county of Dougherty.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

The following House bills were read the first time, to wit:

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to authorize and provide for the preparation and issuance to the banks and banking associations chartered by this State, of circulating notes, to protect the same.

Referred to the Banks Committee.

By Mr. Moore—

A bill to provide compensation for jurors in forcible entry and detainer cases.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Ellis:

A resolution indorsing James H. Blount, Jr., and for other purposes.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Swift—

A bill to amend and alter section 4 and 5 of an Act incorporating the city of Elberton, in Elbert county.

By Mr. Bryan—

A bill to amend section 101 of the Code of Georgia.

By Mr. Duncan—

A bill to amend an Act creating the Board of Roads and Revenues in the county of Houston.

By Mr. Bryan—

A bill to amend section 105 of the Code of Georgia, relative to the time and place of electing constables.

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to amend section 765 of the third volume of the Code of 1895 relating to certioraries from county courts.

By Mr. Harvard—

A bill to prevent the baiting and killing of doves thus baited in this State.

By Mr. Griffin—

A bill to create a Board of Roads and Revenues for the county of Twiggs.

By Mr. Felker—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Loganville, in Walton county.

By Mr. Harrell—

A bill to change the time of holding the superior court of Dodge county.

The following House bill was read the second time with adverse report from the committee:

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to amend section 398 of the third volume of the Code of this State, touching gaming houses.

The report of the committee was agreed to, and the bill was lost.

By unanimous consent Senate bills Nos. 13 and 16 were tabled temporarily.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:



By Mr. King—

A bill to amend an Act approved December, relative to the registration of voters in this State.

By Mr. King—

To change the time of holding the superior courts in the Cherokee Circuit.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. West—

A bill to apportion and pro rate the pension of the several Acts of this State so that each pensioner whose application has been submitted and approved by the Pension Commissioner, shall receive the same sum as any other pensioner drawing a pension under the same Act.

Referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs Sutton, West, Grovenstein, Daniel and Nesbitt.

Mr. Steed moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday at 12 o'clock.

Mr. McGehee moved as a substitute, that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow at 11 o'clock. The substitute was lost.

The Senate adjourned until Monday at 12 o'clock m..

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Monday, November 21st, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 12 o'clock m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	King,	Sutton,
Brannen,	Lang,	Terrell,
Bunn,	Mann,	Thompson,
Clifton,	McGehee,	Thrasher,
Davis,	McLester,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Nesbitt,	Webb,
Fouche,	Odom,	West,
Greene,	Passmore,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Perkins,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Rawlings,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Redding,	Wood,
Hodge,	Steed,	Mr. President.
Johnson,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Daniel,	Humphreys,	Morrison,
Dickerson,	Little,	Moye.
Gross,		

The Journal of Friday was read and approved.

Mr. Grovenstein moved that the Senate reconsider its action in defeating the following bill:

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to amend section 398 of the 3d volume of the Code, touching gaming-houses, in this State.

The bill was reconsidered, and upon motion of Mr. West, the bill was recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to prohibit creditors from assigning and transferring or sending out of this State, claims, accounts, or debts against a resident of this State, for the purpose of having the same collected by proceedings in attachment or garnishment, with intent to deprive a resident of Georgia of the right to have his wages exempt, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 88, nays 12.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to establish the city court of Dawson, in the county of Terrell, to define its jurisdiction and powers, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to re-incorporate the town of Thomasville as the city of Thomasville, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 97, nays 0.

Also, a bill to make it lawful upon the death of employees of railroads and other companies, to pay to the widow of such employee whatever wages may be due him at his said death, that are not subject to garnishment, without administration on his estate, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 120, nays 0.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, Senate bill No. 16 was taken from the table.

By unanimous consent, House bill No. 5 was recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, by unanimous consent, House bill No. 60 was re-committed to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The privileges of the floor were granted the Misses Wort during their stay in the city.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by his Excellency, the Governor, to de-

liver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body, in executive session.

This being the regular order for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Mann—

To amend section 5551 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the Committee on General Judiciary.

Also,

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to amend\*the Act establishing the city court of Albany, in Dougherty county.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to amend section 1107 of the Code of Georgia, providing for the payment of sheriffs' fees in this State.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

The following Senate resolution was read the first time:

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A resolution to relieve the Marietta Paper Manufacturing Co. from removal of the alleged encroachments on the right-of-way of the W and A. R. R.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

The following bills were read the third time, to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to require sleeping car companies in this State to furnish separate apartments for white and colored passengers.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0; the bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Also,

By Mr. King—

A bill to amend an Act for the registration of voters, and for other purposes, approved December 17th, 1894, so as to make tax receivers instead of tax collectors the registrars.

Upon motion of Mr. King, the bill was tabled.

At 1 o'clock the Senate went into executive session.

Upon motion of Mr. Wight, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Tuesday, November 22d, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock  
a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Bond.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Steed,
Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Mann,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Morrison,	Thompson,
Daniel,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Davis,	McGehee,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McLester,	Webb,
Fouche,	Nesbitt,	West,
Greene,	Odom,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Wood,
Hodge,	Redding,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Dickerson,	Johnson,	Little.
Gross,	Lang,	

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Finance Committee have had under consideration

the following bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill relating to the net proceeds arising from the inspection of oils and fertilizers.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

Mr. Odom, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they direct me to report back as properly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit:

A bill to require sleeping car companies to furnish separate compartments for white and colored people.

Respectfully submitted.

BENTON ODOM, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me



to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to provide compensation for jurors in forcible entry and detainer cases, and for other purposes.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bill pass as amended:

A bill to amend the Act establishing the city court of Albany, in the county of Dougherty.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bills which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass by substitute:

A bill to amend the Act of September 6th, 1891, and Acts amendatory thereof, establishing the criminal court of Atlanta.

Also, a bill to amend the Act of December 15th, 1871, and Acts amendatory thereof, establishing the city court of Atlanta.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman, on the part of the minority of the Committee on General Judiciary, submitted the following report:

To the President of the Senate:

We, the undersigned members of the Committee on General Judiciary, beg leave to submit the following, as a minority report, upon the following House bills, to wit:

A bill to amend the Act of September 6, 1891, and Acts amendatory thereof, establishing the criminal court of Atlanta, by provision for the election of judges and solicitors thereof, by the people of Fulton county.

Also, a bill to amend the Act of December 15th, 1871, and Acts amendatory thereof, establishing the city court of Atlanta, by providing for the election of the judge thereof by the people of Fulton county.

Whereas, said bills were introduced by all the members of the House of Representatives of Fulton county, and passed that body without a dissenting vote, as appears by the message of the House of Representatives to the Senate, and,

Whereas, we are of the opinion that said bills are in accordance with the wishes of the great body of the people to be affected by them, we are constrained to dissent from the action of the majority of the General Judiciary Commit-

tee, and recommend that the report of the committee be disagreed to.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE.

J. F. REDDING.

S. T. WINGFIELD.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend section 1 of an Act entitled an Act to prescribe three grades of complete commercial fertilizers, for the branding of same, upon sack or package thereof, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 105, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 2250 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 89, nays 8.

Also, a bill to repeal sections 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, and 2260 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a bill to appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay pensions for 1898, to such invalid pensioners, or their widows, who have been regularly enrolled as pensioners in the Pension office for the year 1898, and who have failed to receive the same, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 109, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create a county court in each county in this State, except certain counties therein mentioned, approved January 19th, 1872, and Acts amendatory thereof, so far as the same applies to the county of Terrell, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 101, nays 0.

The House has also concurred in the Senate joint resolution, as amended by the House, to wit:

A resolution, appointing a committee of ten from the House and five from the Senate to investigate the condition of State Treasury, and report the same to the General Assembly.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Bunn—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Cedartown in the county of Polk.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Bunn—

A bill to prohibit railroads or express companies from carrying whiskey or other intoxicating liquors in any of the counties where liquor is not sold.

Referred to Committee on Temperance.

Also,

By Mr. King—

A bill to fix the number of committeemen to visit the various institutions of the State, and to fix the compensation of the same.

Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. Wight moved that Senate bill No. 23 be recommitted to the Railroad Commission, which motion was carried.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate resolution was taken up for the purpose of concurring in House amendments.

By Mr. Thrasher—

A resolution to appoint a committee of five from the Senate and ten from the House to investigate the condition of the State Treasury and report to the General Assembly.

The House amendments were concurred in.

By unanimous consent, the following House bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to provide for the preparation and issuance to the banks and banking associations, chartered by this State, of circulating notes, to fully protect the same.

The following Senate bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage.

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 72 in the 8th subsection thereof, which refers to the duties of election managers.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0; the bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, by substitute, as amended, and the amendment was as follows: Amend the first section by inserting after the words "72 of" in the 5th line, the words "volume 1," and amend the caption by inserting after the figures "72" the words "of volume one of the Code of 1895."

Also,

By Mr. King—

A bill to change the time of holding the superior courts in Cherokee Circuit.

Upon motion of Mr. King, this bill was tabled.

The following bill was taken from the table to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to allow constables to levy and collect all fi. fas. issued from the superior courts of this State, when the amounts do not exceed \$100.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Under the regular order the following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to amend the Act to reincorporate the town of Thomasville as the city of Thomasville, in the county of Thomas.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Speer of Sumter—

A bill to make it lawful, that upon the death of employees of certain corporations, the wages due said employee shall be paid to his widow without administration on the estate.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Laing—

A bill to establish a city court of Dawson, in and for the county of Terrell.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Copeland—

A bill to prohibit creditors from assigning and transferring or sending out of this State claims on employees of certain corporations for the purpose of garnishment.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Laing—

A bill to abolish the county court of Terrell county.

Referred to Special Judiciary Committee.



Also,

By Mr. Latimer—

A bill to appropriate \$750 to pay the pensions of 1898.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to amend section 2250 of the Code of 1895, as to the manner of collecting for stock killed by railroads.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill, repealing sections 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259 and 2260 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to amend section 1 of an Act, entitled an Act to prescribe three grades of complete commercial fertilizers, for the branding of the same and for other purposes.

Referred to the Agricultural Committee.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill relative to the net proceeds arising from the inspection of oils and fertilizers.

Also,

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to amend the Act establishing the city court of Albany.

The following House bills were read the second time, to wit:

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the Act of December 15th, 1871, establishing the city court of Atlanta.

Also,

By Messrs. Slaton, Brandon and Knowles—

A bill to amend the Act of September 6th, 1891, and amendments thereof, establishing the criminal court of Atlanta.

Also,

By Mr. Moore—

A bill to provide compensation for jurors in forcible entry and detainer cases.

The following House bills were read the third time, to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Swift—

A bill to amend sections 4 and 5 of the Act incorporating the town of Elberton.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bryan—

A bill to amend section 101 of the Code of the State of Georgia, relating to the time and place of election of justice of the peace.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Duncan—

A bill to amend the Act, creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Houston county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Harrell—

A bill to change the time of holding the superior court of Dodge county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Felker—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Loganville, in the county of Walton.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following House bill was taken from the table to be put upon its passage.

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to amend section 765 of the third volume of the Code of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 1.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The amendment is as follows: Amend by striking out the word "execution" in the 9th line of section 1.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Wednesday, November 23d, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Hunnycutt.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Redding,
Brannen,	King,	Steed,
Bunn,	Lang,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Little,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Davis,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	Moye,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Webb,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wood,
Hodge,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Dickerson,  
Gross,

Rawling,

West.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act, creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue in and for the county of Glynn, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 131, nays 0.

Also,

A bill to repeal the proviso at the end of section 2 of an Act to extend and define the corporate limits of the city of Savannah.

Passed. Ayes 130, nays 0.

Also,

A bill to authorize the mayor and aldermen of the city of Savannah to condemn property for drainage purposes.

Passed. Ayes 128, nays 0.

Also,

A bill to amend an Act, approved December 4th, 1890, to vest in the mayor of the city of Savannah the veto power, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 128, nays 0.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to investigate the present controversy between the Commissioner of Agriculture and Dr. Payne, and for other purposes, and has appointed upon the part of the House, Messrs. Jordan of Jasper, Everett of Polk, and Harrison.

Mr. Humphreys, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Rules recommend that hereafter the Senate meet at eleven o'clock a. m. instead of ten o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. HUMPHREYS, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing report as duly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House, the following Senate bills, to wit:

A bill to allow constables to levy and collect superior court fi. fas.

Also,

A bill to amend section 72 of volume 1, of the Code of 1895, extending the time of the consolidation of election returns.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to make it lawful, that upon the death of any employee of a railroad, or other corporation, any wages due-



him may be paid to his widow without an administrator being appointed.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bill pass, as amended:

A bill to amend section 1107 of the Code of Georgia, relative to sheriffs' fees.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass.

A bill to amend section 2250 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to repeal sections 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259 and 2260 of the Code of 1895.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do not pass:

A bill to amend section 2195 of volume 2, of the Code of 1895, relative to tram-roads.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. West and Wight until Monday morning; also, Messrs. Dowling and Davis until Monday.

This being the regular order of business the roll-call was ordered for the introduction of new bills.

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to amend section 5514 of the Code of 1895, relative to supreme court stenographers.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to amend section 2035, volume 2, of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to amend an Act, approved December 4th, 1890, relative to the powers of mayor and council of Savannah.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Emanuel—

A bill to amend the Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue in the county of Glynn.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. McMillan—

A bill to repeal the proviso at the end of section 2 of an Act to extend and define the corporate limits of Savannah.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to authorize the mayor and aldermen of Savannah to condemn lands in certain cases.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Jordan—

A resolution to appoint a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to investigate the present controversy between the Commissioner of Agriculture and Dr. Payne.

The committee on the part of the Senate are Messrs. Hand and McGehee.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President.*

The committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act, creating a Board of Police Commissioners of Albany.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Thomasville.

Also, a bill to establish the city court of Dawson, in Terrell county

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create a county court in

each county, so far as the same applies to the county of Terrell.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating the city of Cedartown, in Polk county.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F REDDING, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to amend an Act to establish the city court of Albany, in and for the county of Dougherty

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 33, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional ma-

jority, was passed, as amended, and the amendment was as follows:

By inserting after the word "Court" in the fifth line in section 2 the following words, "except the proportion due the solicitor, which shall be paid into the county treasury, as now provided by law, under section 5 of the Act establishing the city court of Albany."

Also,

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill to be entitled an Act, relating to the net proceeds arising from the inspection of oils and fertilizers.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes and nays were called, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hodge,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Johnson,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Little,	Thompson,
Daniel,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Davis,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Dowling,	Rawlings,	Wingfield.
Heard,	Steed,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Humphreys,	Odom,
Fouche,	King,	Passmore,
Greene,	Lang,	Underwood,
Grovenstein,	Mann,	Webb,
Hand,	McGehee,	Wilcox.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Dickerson,	McLester,	West,
Gross,	Perkins,	Wood,
Morrison,	Redding,	Mr. President.

Ayes 20, nays 15.

The bill not having received the requisite constitutional majority was lost.

By unanimous consent, the following House bill was read the third time, to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Harvard—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to bait and kill doves thus baited, in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 4.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

Amend by striking out the words “at said bait” on the 5th and 6th lines of section 1, and amend the caption the same.

Mr. Nesbitt gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate in defeating Senate bill No. 24.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was read the third time, to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to reduce the fees of notaries public, and other officers, whose duty it is to protest notes, etc.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was read the second time:

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to create a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Albany.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Terrell—

A resolution, extending to flag lieutenant Brumby, of the Asiatic squadron, the compliments of the General Assembly of Georgia.

Mr. Humphreys moved that when the Senate adjourn it stand adjourned until Friday morning at 11 o'clock, which motion was lost.

By unanimous consent, the following House bill was read the third time, to be put upon its passage.



By Messrs. Slaton, Brandon and Knowles—

A bill to amend the Act of September 6th, 1891, and Act amendatory thereof, establishing a criminal court in the city of Atlanta.

Mr. Fouche moved to disagree to the report of the committee, which was favorable to the passage of the bill by substitute.

Mr. Steed moved, as a substitute, that the report of the committee be agreed to.

The previous question was called.

Upon agreeing to the report of the committee, the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Johnson,	Passmore,
Bunn,	King,	Perkins,
Clifton,	Lang,	Rawlings,
Daniel,	Mann,	Steed,
Davis,	McGehee,	Sutton,
Dowling,	McLester,	Terrell,
Greene,	Morrison,	Thompson,
Grovenstein,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Heard,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Hodge,	Odom,	Wood.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Little,	Webb,
Fouche,	Redding,	Wingfield.
Hand	Underwood,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Dickerson,  
Gross,

Humphreys,  
West,

Wight,  
Mr. President.

Ayes 30, nays 8.

The report of the committee was agreed to.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 29, nays 6.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the Act of December 15th, 1871, and Acts amendatory thereof, establishing the city court of Atlanta.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 29, nays 6.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute.

Upon motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Thursday, November 24th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Bond.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Bialock,	Humphreys,	Rawlings,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Redding,
Bunn,	King,	Steed,
Clifton,	Lang,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Little,	Terrell,
Davis,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	Moye,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Webb,
Greene,	McLester,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Odom,	Wood,
Heard,	Passmore,	Mr. President.
Hodge,	Perkins,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Gross,	West,	Wight.
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The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Nesbitt moved to reconsider the following Senate bill, which was lost on yesterday:

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill relative to the net proceeds arising from the inspection of oils and fertilizers in this State.

The motion was carried, and the bill was made special order for next Wednesday, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration, the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to amend section 398 of the third volume of the Code of Georgia, touching gaming-houses in this State.

Also, a bill to amend an Act, approved December 4th, 1890, to vest in the mayor of the city of Savannah the veto power.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Little, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 46, by Mr. Adams of Putnam, instruct me to report said bill, with the recommendation that it do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. LITTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Odom, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing report as duly engrossed and ready to be delivered to the House, the following bills:

A bill to reduce and regulate the fees of officers in certain cases.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Albany.

Also, a resolution, extending congratulations to Thomas M. Brumby.

Respectfully submitted.

BENTON ODOM, Chairman.

The following Senate bills were read the first time, to wit:

By Mr. Wingfield—

A bill to provide for the more full and complete transfer and assignment of rent notes and mortgages.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By unanimous consent, Senator W C. Bunn was added to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also, Senator Wood was added to the Committee on Blind Asylum.

The following House bills were read the second time, to wit:

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to reincorporate the town of Thomasville in the county of Thomas.

Also,

By Mr. Adams.

A bill to amend section 698 of the 3d volume of the Code of 1895.

Also,

By Mr. Laing—

A bill to abolish the county court of Terrell county.

Also,

By Mr. Laing—

A bill to establish a city court in the city of Dawson, in the county of Terrell.

Also,

By Mr. Speer—

A bill to make it lawful that upon the death of employees of railroads and other corporations in this State, their wages (if any) may be turned over to their widows and not have an administrator appointed.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to amend sections 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259 and 2260 of the Code of 1895.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to amend an Act, approved December 4th, 1890, to vest in the mayor of Savannah the veto power.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to amend section 2250 of the Code of 1895.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to amend section 1107 of the Code of Georgia, relative to sheriffs' fees.

Also,

By Mr. Bunn—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Cedartown, in the county of Polk.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Friday, November 25th, 1898

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by Rev Mr. Bond.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Rawlings,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Redding,
Bunn,	King,	Steed,
Daniel,	Lang,	Sutton,
Davis,	Little,	Terrell,
Dickerson,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	McLester,	Underwood,
Greene,	Morrison,	Webb,
Gross,	Moye,	West,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,



Hand,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wood,
Hodge,	Perkins,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Wight.
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The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was taken up to be read the second time with adverse report of committee:

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to require railroads to construct depots under certain circumstances in this State.

Mr. Humphreys moved to disagree to the report of the committee, which motion was carried.

Leave of absence was indefinitely granted to the President on account of sickness of his father.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Perkins until Monday; also, the committee to visit the Georgia Normal and Industrial School at Milledgeville.

Leave of absence was also granted Mr. Clifton until Monday, on account of sickness.

Under the regular order, the following bills were introduced and read the first time:

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2835 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2867 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2780 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2779 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2783 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to repeal an Act creating a Board of County Commissioners for the county of Fannin.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill to amend the charter of the Capital City Bank of Atlanta.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Leave of absence was granted the committee to visit the blind asylum.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to create a Board of Roads and Revenues for the county of Twiggs.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President.*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that same be read the second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Glynn.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Little, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Agriculture have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do not pass, to wit:

A bill requiring all persons offering for sale any cotton-seed meal or hulls in sacks or packages, to have plainly stamped the weight thereof.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report back

with the recommendation that same do pass, as amended, to wit:

A bill to prescribe the grades of complete fertilizers.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. LITTLE, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to reincorporate the city of Thomasville in the county of Thomas.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Adams—

A bill to amend section 698 of the third volume of the Code of 1895, relative to setting fire to woods.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Speer—

A bill to make it lawful, that if any employee of a railroad or other corporation in this State is killed the wages (if any) due said employee may be turned over to his widow without having an executor appointed.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Laing—

A bill to abolish the county court of Terrell county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 32, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Laing—

A bill to establish a city court in the city of Dawson in the county of Terrell.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

By Mr. Griffin—

A bill to establish a Commission of Roads and Revenues for the county of Twiggs.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 32, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to amend section 398 of the Code of 1895, relative to gaming-houses.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the bill was tabled.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to amend section 2248 of the Code of 1895, relative to reporting stock killed by railroads.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to repeal sections 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259 and 2260 of the Code of Georgia of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Savannah, so as to give the veto power to the mayor or acting mayor of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

By Mr. Moore—

A bill to fix the fees for jurors in forcible entry cases.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Senate bill was tabled: Bill No. 37

The following Senate bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage.

By Mr. Bunn—

A bill to amend the charter of Cedartown in the county of Polk.



Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

By striking out section 4 of the Act and establishing therefor the following to be section 4: All elections held under the provisions of this charter, shall be conducted and managed according to the provisions fixed by law for the holding of elections for the election of members of the General Assembly of Georgia. The said provisions regulating election for members of the General Assembly are hereby made to apply to elections held under this charter. The returns of all such elections shall be made as hereinafter provided for.

Upon motion of Mr. Nesbitt, the special order for next Wednesday was displaced, and the bill was tabled until the Senator from the 35th returned to the Senate.

The following House bill was read the second time, to wit:

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to prescribe three grades of fertilizers for this State.

Also,

By Mr. Emanuel—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Glynn.

Recommitted to the Committee on Corporations.

The following bill was read the second time with adverse report from committee:

By Mr. Swift—

A bill to require all person or persons selling cotton-seed meal or hulls to have plainly printed on the sack or package the weight of same.

The report of the committee was agreed to and the bill was lost.

Upon motion of Mr. Wingfield, the Senate adjourned until Monday at noon.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Monday, November 28th, 12 o'clock m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 12 o'clock m. and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Bond.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,  
Brannen

Johnson,  
King,

Terrell,  
Thompson.

Bunn,	Lang,	Thrasher,
Daniel,	Mann,	Underwood,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Webb,
Dowling,	McGehee,	West,
Fouche,	McLester,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Redding,	Wood,
Heard,	Steed,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Little,	Perkins,
Davis,	Moye,	Rawlings,
Greene,	Odom,	Sutton.
Hodge,		

The Journal of Friday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boileuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has non-concurred in the Senate substitute to House bill No. 126, to wit:

A bill to amend the Act of December 15th, 1871, and Acts amendatory thereof, establishing the city court of Atlanta, for the purpose of providing for the election of the judge thereof by the people of Fulton county, and for other purposes.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to provide and fix the hours of keeping open the polls at precincts, situated in incorporated towns or cities where there is more than one precinct, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 121, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act, to make permanent the income of the University of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 125, nays 6.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendment striking the words "at said bait" in the 5th and 6th lines of section 1 of the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to prevent the baiting and killing of doves thus baited in this State.

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to repeal an Act to provide for the examination of private banks by the bank examiner of this State, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 105, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Macon, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 102, nays 0.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of Commissioners for the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Leesburg in Lee county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also a bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of tax assessors and receivers for the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 118, nays 0.

Also, a bill to compensate for their services the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Burke county

Passed. Ayes 104, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act creating the office of Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Savannah.

Passed. Ayes 90, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to impose a penalty for failure to pay taxes, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to affix a penalty for failure to make tax returns, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to prohibit in Chatham county, the holding of more than one office at any one time, by one person.

Passed. Ayes 109, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to enforce the collection of all taxes, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of Water Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the mayor and council of the town of Cochran to purchase, build and maintain a system of waterworks, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution, instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts to secure the early completion of the Nicaraguan canal.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President.*

The committee report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House the following Senate bill, to wit:

A bill to provide a new charter for the city of Cedartown in Polk county

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under con-

sideration the following House bill, which I am instructed to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to prohibit creditors from assigning and transferring or sending out of this State claims of accounts against a resident of this State, to have the same collected by garnishment.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Steed—

A resolution, extending the sympathies of the Senate to Mr. S. D. Bradwell and Hon. Wm. Clifton, upon the death of their wife and sister.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Redding of the 22d District—

Whereas, News has been transmitted to this honorable body of the death of Mr. Jas. A. Dodson, father of our highly-esteemed President,

Resolved, That the Georgia Senate, in regular session convened, hears with great sorrow of the sad end of this honored citizen of our State, and we deplore his death as a serious loss to the sturdy yeomanry of Georgia, that he has so well reflected in a life free from blemish and vainglory



Resolved, That our hearts go out to the bereaved household in this hour of affliction, and we ask the all-merciful God to comfort them in their desolation.

Resolved, That the able and estimable President of the Georgia Senate be apprised of our deep sympathy in his great grief, and that philosophic support, which can only come from the All-wise, may be so communicated to him that he may be enabled to withstand this blow, which has been visited upon him in an unexpected hour.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, as a loving testimonial of our sorrow and esteem, and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to send a copy of the same, officially approved, to the family of the deceased, and one to our President, Hon. W. A. Dodson.

By unanimous consent, Senate bill No. 40 was withdrawn by Senator Bunn.

This being the regular order for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Gross—

A bill to amend the laws as contained in the first paragraph of section 289 of the first volume of the Code of 1895, to make the session of the General Assembly biennial.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to amend section 107 of volume 1 of the Code of 1895, to add an additional subsection to be known as section 8.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Underwood by request—

A bill to allow any person or persons to create a lien or give a bill of sale to any crops to be grown, to merchants or banks.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to reduce the bond of the sheriff of Dougherty county.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Fouche—

A bill to dispense with a motion for new trial, and filing briefs of the evidence, and to authorize a direct bill of exceptions in certain cases.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Fouche—

A bill to amend section 5541 of the Civil Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bills were read the third time, to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to create a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Albany in Dougherty county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to amend section 1107 of the Code of Georgia relative to sheriffs' fees.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

By adding after the figures 1107 in the title and after the figures 1107 in the 3d line of section 1, the words "of volume 3."

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by his Excellency, the Governor, to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing.

State of Georgia, Executive Office,  
Atlanta, November 26, 1898.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

By a joint resolution of the General Assembly, approved on the 6th day of December, 1897, it was made the duty of the Governor to appoint a commission of seven citizens of this State "to communicate with the legislatures of each of the Southern States, with a view to securing cooperation in formulating and putting in execution without unnecessary delay some plan by which an amount of money adequate to the undertaking" may be appropriated by the respective States "to mark and properly care for the graves of the Confederate soldiers who gave their lives in defense of a cause they believed to be just" and lie buried in northern States.

In compliance with the requirements of this resolution,

the Governor of this State appointed as said commission, General C. A. Evans, F. Edgeworth Eve, Robert E. Park, M. Newman, A. M. Foute, William K. Pilsbury and G. M. Sorrell, who have made progress in the work assigned them, and submitted the report herewith transmitted to your honorable bodies for your consideration and such action as you may deem proper.

A. D. CANDLER, Governor.

Mr. Terrell, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Republic, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following communication, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate that same be accepted, to wit:

An invitation from the Chairman of the Military and Civic Parade, that the General Assembly attend the Peace Jubilee in Atlanta, December 14 and 15, 1898.

Respectfully submitted.

J RENDR TERRELL, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Ellis of Bibb—

A bill to provide and fix the hours of keeping open the polls at precincts situated in incorporated towns.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city of Augusta by council to affix a penalty for failure to make tax returns.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to impose a penalty for failure to pay for use of water through the water pipes of that city.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Ellis—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Macon, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Lee—

A bill to authorize and empower the mayor and council of the town of Cochran, Ga., to purchase, build, construct and maintain a system of waterworks in said town.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to compensate the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Burke.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Erwin—

A bill to amend the Act entitled an Act to make permanent the income of the University of Georgia.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to amend the charter of Leesburg in the county of Lee.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Ousley—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta in the county of Lowndes.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Park—

A bill to repeal the Act providing that the bank examiner shall examine private banks.

Referred to the Committee on Banks.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal an Act to prohibit in Chatham county the holding of more than one office by one person at any one time.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act to create the office of Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Savannah.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal an Act creating and organizing a Board of Water Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.



Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to create a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to create and organize a Board of Fire Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Tax Assessors and Receivers for the city of Savannah.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to enforce the collection of all taxes, assessments, fines, licenses, fees, and other sums due said city.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following House bill was read the second time, to wit:

By Mr. Copeland—

A bill to prohibit creditors from assigning and transferring or sending out of the State, claims or accounts against a resident of this State to be collected by garnishment or otherwise.

The following House resolutions were read the first time:

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts in furtherance of the early completion of the Nicaraguan canal.

Referred to the Committee on State of the Republic.

The following invitation was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Republic:

From the Atlanta Peace Jubilee:

An invitation for the Senators to join in the military parade on the 15th day of December, 1898.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Tuesday, November 29th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Johnson,	Steed,
Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Little,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Rawling,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,	Redding,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Hodge,	Perkins,
Davis,	Lang,	Thrasher.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to amend section 2835 of the Code of Georgia of 1895.

Also, a bill to amend section 2867 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to reduce the sheriff's bonds of Dougherty county.

Also, a bill to amend section 5541 of the Civil Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to dispense with a motion for new trial and filing briefs of the evidence, and to authorize a direct bill of exceptions in certain cases.

The committee also recommends that the following bill pass as amended:

A bill to amend section 107 of volume 1 of the Code of 1895.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bills do not pass:

A bill to amend section 2783 of the Code of 1895.

Also a bill to amend section 2779 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to amend section 2780 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to allow any person or persons to create a lien or give a bill of sale to any crop to be grown that particular year, to any farmer, merchant or bank.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to prohibit the holding of more than one office in Chatham county.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of Water Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Also a bill to provide for a system of waterworks for the town of Cochran.

Also, a bill to authorize the city of Augusta to fix a penalty for failure to make tax returns.

Also, a bill to compensate the members of the Board of Roads and Revenues of Burke county.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Macon.

The committee have also had under consideration the following bill which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit:

A bill to amend section 105 of the Code, relating to the election of constables

The committee request that the following House bill be read the second time and re-referred to the Special Judiciary Committee, to wit:

A bill to provide for the time the polls shall be kept open in incorporated towns.

The committee have also had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to repeal an Act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Fannin county.

Respectfully submitted.

J F. REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing report as duly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House, the following bills, to wit:

A bill to amend section 1107 of volume 3 of the Code relating to sheriff's fees.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to create a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Albany.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

By unanimous consent the following House bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Banks:

By Mr. Park—

A bill to repeal the Act requiring the bank examiner to examine private banks.

By unanimous consent Senator Passmore was added to the Auditing Committee.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by his Excellency, the Governor, to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing.

State of Georgia, Executive Department,  
Atlanta, November 25, 1898.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives:*

On the 9th instant I had the honor to call the attention of your honorable bodies to a special report of the State Treasurer, showing that there would be a deficit in the public revenues on the 20th of July next, of about five hundred and forty-five thousand (\$545,000.00) dollars.. In this message I expressed the hope that the representatives of the people would find some way of meeting the condition that confronted us without resorting to a further increase in the rate of taxation, which is already the highest in the history of the State, while the ability of the great body of our people, those engaged in tilling the soil, is, owing to the unprecedentedly low price of their products, less than it has ever been in the past. But I made no specific recommendation as to how to supply the deficiency in revenue, believing that the General Assembly, in its wisdom, would be able without suggestion from me to solve in the wisest manner, the problem that confronts us. But the discussion of the questions of taxation and revenue has developed so much diversity of opinion, not only as to the actual condition of the treasury, but as to how to surmount the difficulties that confront us, and so much hesitation in suggesting a remedy is manifested, that I deem it my duty to communicate to you the conclusions at which I have arrived after a most careful consideration of the question.

It has been suggested that a revision of our entire taxing



system will develop an amount of property which now escapes taxation, large enough to yield revenue sufficient to make up the deficiency in the State's revenues. No doubt such a revision, the importance of which I most earnestly urge upon the attention of the General Assembly, would uncover for taxation a large amount of property which now eludes the hand of the tax-gatherer, but not a sufficient amount to make up the deficiency in the State's revenue. The class of property which escapes the taxing officer is usually stocks and bonds and other evidences of indebtedness. While much property of this character undoubtedly escapes taxation, it is not as much as many suppose, for our high rates of taxation, State, county and municipal, have driven it largely out of the State. The price of money is exceedingly low. No good bond now sells in the market higher than a three and a half per cent. basis. In most of the counties the State and county taxes amount to one per cent., and in most of the cities the tax gatherer demands about as much for municipal purposes. Hence, to the holder of such securities, there is left, after paying taxes, State, county and municipal, only one and one-half per cent. net on his investment. This is so low, that it is to his interest to place his money elsewhere, where it will yield a better profit. He therefore seeks refuge in New England trust companies and savings banks, where he escapes taxation. This being the case, no taxing system can be devised that will reach this class of property, while our tax rates are so high, and even if, as hoped by some, large amounts of this sort of property could be reached and made to bear its share of the burdens of government, it could not be done in time

to meet the liabilities of the State which will press upon us in the next six or eight months—too early for a new taxing system to be enacted and put into operation. Hence, to meet the emergency some other remedy must be found, and after a most careful consideration of the matter, and with the utmost reluctance, I am forced to the conclusion that the only practicable way in which to deal with the question is, for a time at least, to curtail expenditures and reduce appropriations. To this conclusion, I believe all who study the question fairly and impartially must come at last.

This being conceded, the question presents itself, what appropriations can be reduced so as to bring the State's outgo within her income with least detriment to the best interests of all the people? There are some appropriations that cannot be cut, such as the public debt, including the \$8,000.00 due the University annually, the interest on the \$90,000.00 landscript fund still held by the State; such salaries as cannot under the constitution be reduced during the term for which the present incumbents were elected; insurance premiums on public property and the sinking fund. These are fixed charges on the treasury that cannot be reduced and must be met without abatement. Taking the total of all of these appropriations from the total of the estimates made by the treasurer for the next year, we have about three millions left on which to work in our effort to bring the State's expenditures down to her receipts without increasing the tax rate. Of this three million dollars, \$640,000.00 goes to pensions and \$1,650,000.00 in round numbers goes to common schools, a total of nearly

\$2,300,000.00, leaving only \$700,000.00 estimated for all other purposes, an amount little more than sufficient to meet the demand on the treasury during the next eight months, unprovided for. In other words, if you wipe out your printing fund, your contingent fund, your military fund, your public building fund, etc., etc., and if all salaries and compensation to all officers of the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the State's government be abolished, and these officers work for nothing, you would not, at the present rate of taxation, after paying the fixed charges on the treasury which cannot be lessened, and the estimated appropriations to schools and pensions, have a dollar left.

Thus it is demonstrated that you must either raise the present rate of taxation or reduce your appropriations for schools and pensions. Much sympathy and sentiment has been indulged in by some people and some newspapers, professed friends of the schools and pensioners, about the sacredness of the appropriations for the old soldiers and the school children, and it is right for us to guard with jealous care these two objects of the State's care, but, at the same time, we must not lose sight of the fact that those who pay the taxes are entitled to as much consideration as those who get the benefit of them. We are the guardians of their rights as well as of the rights and interests of the school children and of the Confederate veterans. We are bound to exercise due care and consideration for the interests of each without unnecessary injury to the other. Every patriotic Georgian is willing to be taxed to the verge of confiscation, if necessary, to provide for the wants of the needy

veterans of the Confederacy, who stood a wall of fire, between our homes and an armed invader, and for the wants of his needy widow, and see to it that none of them ever want or go to a poor house; but neither sentiment nor justice requires us to levy taxes upon the poor mechanics and small farmers of the State, many of them themselves veterans, who have at best in such times as these, a hard struggle to live and feed and clothe those dependent upon them, to pay pensions to those who are better off than they are and who do not need the bounty of the State to supply their actual wants. The same may be said of our schools. The constitution wisely provides that schools shall be established and supported by the State, in which all the children in the State, between six and eighteen years of age may be taught the "elementary branches of an English education," and it is our duty to see to it that this provision of the constitution is carried out in letter and in spirit. Every patriotic Georgian is willing to be taxed to the utmost limit of his ability to pay, to do this, but we have been going too fast in this matter of education, as we have in appropriations for pensions. But few of our schools are confined to the "elementary branches of an English education." Other and higher branches are taught to a few (sometimes only two or three pupils) in many of the schools, necessitating higher priced teachers, and thus creating a demand for larger appropriations for the free schools. This is wrong, and was never contemplated by the framers of the constitution. Those who want to have their children taught Greek and Latin and higher mathematics are usually able to pay for it, and ought to do so without requiring their

neighbors, whose children are too poor to indulge in these luxuries, to be taxed to do it for them.

Again, the children in the rural districts for whose benefit the State's schools were primarily intended, for the towns and cities usually have school systems of their own, would not, if schools were taught at their doors twelve months in the year, be able to go to school more than four or five months, because they, both male and female, have in most cases to work in the field to aid their parents in supporting the family. This is a fact well known to all who are at all familiar with the conditions that prevail in the agricultural sections of our State, which embrace all of the State, except the cities and towns. Hence it is not necessary to overtax our people to support schools six, seven or eight months in the year, for the white children cannot, with few exceptions, avail themselves of them.

In view of all these facts and with a due regard for the best interests of all classes of our people, I have arrived at the conclusion that the tax rate, already the highest ever levied in the State, not only should not be raised higher, but should and can be lowered, and that appropriations should be reduced wherever it is possible to do so, and that this can be done in many places without injustice to any deserving, needy beneficiary of the State's bounty.

I therefore recommend that no extraordinary appropriation be made at this session for any purpose whatever, and that every ordinary annual appropriation which is not a fixed charge upon the treasury be reduced to the lowest possible limit compatible with the efficiency of the public service. The estimate for military purposes, for instance, can,

in my judgment, be reduced one-half. The estimates of appropriations to some of the institutions supported by the State which are approximately as high now as they were when the cost of living was much greater than it is in this era of low prices, may be reduced without injury to these institutions. I advise that the committees charged with the care of these institutions look carefully into their management and their requirements, and that wherever it is possible to retrench in the expenditure of money on their account, it be done.

After all of this is done, however, further retrenchment will be necessary to bring the expenditures of the State down to her revenues and lower the rate of taxation, and the schools and pensions will have, for a time at least, to submit to the same inexorable necessity that all other objects of appropriation do, and it will be necessary to revise the pension laws so as to confine the State's bounty to those Confederate soldiers and those widows of Confederate soldiers, who actually need the aid of the State to supply their necessities and save them from want, and appeal to the patriotism of those who can live comfortably without pensions to do so until the condition of the country and the ability of our tax-payers will warrant a resumption of the present liberal pension policy. I believe these patriotic men, who on a hundred battle fields, from 1861 to 1865, manifested a heroism and self-sacrifice unparalleled in the annals of the world, can be relied on to make without murmur, this temporary sacrifice for the good of the State, in whose defense they shed their blood and offered their lives.

I advise, also, that the extra four hundred thousand dol-

lars added to the school fund this year be left off for the next two years. This can, as I have already shown, be done without impairing the efficiency of the schools, and without depriving any child in the State of an opportunity of going to school five months in each year, which is as long a time and longer, than most of them could go even if the schools were kept open twice that long.

These suggestions, gentlemen of the General Assembly, are made to meet the emergency that confronts us, and that the necessities of the State and of the tax-payers of the State demand their adoption there can be no doubt, and that those persons and institutions who are called upon to make the temporary sacrifices suggested will do so willingly and cheerfully, I firmly believe, for Georgians have from the dawn of the revolutionary war down to this day been as remarkable for their moderation and conservatism in matters of State policy as for their intrepidity and heroism on the field of battle, and there is no instance in the history of the State in which, when their representatives have found it necessary to call on them to make sacrifices for the public good, that they have not cheerfully made them.

ALLEN D. CANDLER.

By unanimous consent, House bill No. 106 was recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

The following Senate bill was read the third time with adverse report from committee, which report had been disagreed to.

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to require railroad companies to construct depots when ordered by the Railroad Commission.

Mr. Humphreys offered a substitute for the bill just read.

The original bill and substitute was recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to furnish an expert accountant to the Joint Committee, appointed to investigate the condition of the State Treasury.

The House has also non-concurred in the Senate substitute to House bill No. 125, to wit:

A bill to amend the Act establishing the criminal court of Atlanta, by providing for the election of the judge and solicitor thereof by the people of Fulton county, and for other purposes.

Mr. Steed moved, that the Senate insist on its substitute to the following House bill, to wit:



By Messrs. Brandon, Slaton and Knowles--

A bill to amend the Act of September 6th, 1891, and Acts amendatory thereof, establishing a criminal court of the city of Atlanta.

Which motion prevailed.

Also, to the following bill:

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the Act establishing the city court of Atlanta, approved December 15, 1871, and Acts amendatory thereof, so as to elect the judge and solicitor by the people.

The motion prevailed.

The following House joint resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Knowles—

A resolution. Resolved, That the special committee, appointed to investigate the State Treasury, be authorized to employ an expert accountant.

The following House bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Bryan—

A bill to amend section 105 of the Code of 1895, relative to the election of constables of this State.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the bill was tabled temporarily.

Also,

By Mr. Copeland—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to send out of this State any debt, against a resident of this State, to be collected by garnishment or otherwise.

Mr. Mann moved that the bill be tabled, which motion was carried.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolutions of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to pay to the widow of J. W. Willoby of Fayette county, the pension due her deceased husband at the time of his death, for the year 1898.

Passed. Ayes 120, nays 0.

Also, a resolution to appoint a committee of three from the House and two from the Senate to investigate and report the operation and results of the Northeastern Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to wilfully or wantonly fire off or discharge any loaded gun or pistol on Sunday, except in defense of person or property.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Dawson, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the mayor and aldermen of the city of Newnan to establish and maintain a system of sewers, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 119, nays 0.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Ellis—

A bill to provide and fix the hours of keeping open the polls at precincts situated in incorporated towns.

The bill was recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Ellis—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Macon.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to prohibit in Chatham county the holding of more than one office by one person at one time.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act creating and organizing a Board of Water Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to allow the city council of Augusta to affix a penalty for failure to make tax returns in said city.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Also,

By Mr. Lee—

A bill to empower the mayor and council of the town of Cochran, Ga., to purchase, build, construct and maintain a system of waterworks in said city.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to compensate the members of the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of the county of Burke.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to amend section 107 of volume 1 of the Code of 1895.

Also,

By Mr. Fouche—

A bill to dispense with a motion for new trial and filing brief of evidence, and to authorize a direct bill of exceptions.

Also,

By Mr. Fouche—

A bill to amend section 5541 of the Civil Code of 1895..

Also,

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to reduce the bond of the sheriff of Dougherty county.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of County Commissioners for the county of Fannin.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2867 of the Code of 1895.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2835 of the Code of 1895.

The following Senate bills were read the second time with adverse report from committee:

By Mr. Underwood, by request—

A bill to allow any person or persons to create a lien or give a bill of sale to any farmer, merchant or bank on the crop to be grown by him that year.

Report of the committee was agreed to and bill was lost.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2780 of the Code of 1895.

The report of the committee was agreed to and bill was lost.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2779 of the Code of 1895.

The report of the committee was agreed to and bill was lost.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2783 of the Code of 1895.

Report of the committee was agreed to and bill was lost.

Leave of absence was granted the subcommittee of the Penitentiary Committee, consisting of Messrs. Daniel, Webb, Dowling, Lang and Rawlings, to visit camps.

By unanimous consent, Senators Rawlings and Morrison were added to the Penitentiary Committee.

The following House bills were read the first time, to wit:

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to authorize the mayor and council of Newnan to establish and maintain a system of sewerage and drainage for said city.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to wilfully or wantonly fire off or discharge any loaded gun or pistol on Sunday, except in self-defense of person or property.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Lang—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Dawson.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Swift—

A resolution to appoint a joint committee of 3 from the House and 2 from the Senate to investigate the operation of the Northeastern Railroad Company.

The following House resolution was read the first time, to wit:

By Mr. Blalock—

A resolution, paying to the widow of J. W. Willoby of Fayette county, pension for the year 1898.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Upon motion of Mr. Gross, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Wednesday, November 30th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Steed,
Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Lang,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Little,	Thompson,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hard,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,	Redding,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Hodge,	Perkins.
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The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

By unanimous consent, Senate bill No. 24 was made special order for next Friday, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

The committee on the part of the Senate to investigate the condition of the Northeastern railroad are Messrs. Thrasher and Greene.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to fire a gun or pistol on Sunday, except for defense of person or property.

The committee also recommends that the following bill be withdrawn by its author:

A bill to amend the law as contained in the first paragraph of section 289 of the first volume of the Code of 1895, making the sessions of the General Assembly biennial.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of Fire Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of Tax Assessors and Receivers for the city of Savannah.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create the office of Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Savannah.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Leesburg in Lee county.

Respectfully submitted.

J F REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. Hand, Chairman of Committee on Banks, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Banks have had under consideration the following House bill, entitled an Act to repeal an Act to provide for the examination of private banks by the bank examiner of the State, to compel the making of statements as now required of incorporated banks, to provide for punishment, etc., and I am instructed by said committee to re-

port same back with the recommendation that same do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

J L. HAND, Chairman.

This being the regular day for the introduction of new matter, the following bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to provide for the regulation of corporations, companies or associations, transacting the business of life insurance in this State.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following House bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Ellis—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Macon.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city of Augusta in council to affix a penalty for failure to make tax returns in said city.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Upon motion, the following House bill was taken from the table and put upon its passage:

By Mr. Copeland—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to send out of this State an account to be collected from a person in this State, by garnishment or otherwise, in the employ of corporations.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 1.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Senate bill was taken from the table and put upon its passage:

By Mr. King—

A bill to change the time of holding the superior court of the Cherokee Circuit.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 33, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to require judges of the superior and city courts of this State to decide all motions for new trials, injunctions, and other motions coming before them in counties where less than 50,000 inhabitants, within 30 days from the date such motions, etc., were submitted, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 107, nays 0.

Also, a bill to regulate settlements to be made by the collectors of this State, of railroad taxes received by them, and to fix their compensation.

Passed. Ayes 88, nays 11.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act consolidating the office of clerk and treasurer of Columbia county.

Passed. Ayes 110, nays 0.

Also, a bill to fix the time for the election of all city officers now elected by the council of the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 117, nays 0.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Edgewood in DeKalb county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 108, nays 0.

Also, a bill to provide for a change of venue in certain civil cases, under article 6, section 17 and paragraph 1, of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolutions of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution, providing for the payment of certain moneys now in the treasury of the State of Georgia, growing out of wild land sales for taxes, to Mrs. Anne E. Franch, of Richmond county.

Passed. Ayes 113, nays 0.

Also, a resolution, supplementary to joint resolution No. 52, to appoint a joint committee to investigate the present controversy between the Commissioner of Agriculture and Dr. Payne, and for other purposes.

Upon motion, the special order for next Friday, which is Senate bill No. 24, was displaced and made special order for next Tuesday.

The following Senate bill was taken from the table, to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. King—

A bill to amend the registration law, so as to make it the duty of the tax receiver to register voters instead of tax collectors.

Upon the passage of the bill, Mr. King called for the ayes and nays, which call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Johnson,	Thrasher,
Bunn,	King,	Underwood,
Dickerson,	Mann,	Webb,
Dowling,	Moye,	Wilcox,
Humphreys,	McGehee,	Wood.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Heard,	Redding,
Daniel,	Lang,	Steed,
Davis,	Little,	Sutton,
Fouche,	McLester,	Thompson,
Greene,	Odom,	West,
Gross,	Passmore,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Rawling ,	Wingfield.
Hand,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Nesbitt,	Terrell,
Hodge,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Morrison,		

Ayes 15. Nays 22.

The bill not having received the requisite constitutional majority was lost.

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration



the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back, that same do pass by substitute, to wit:

A bill to provide for a Board of Equalization of real and personal property subject to taxation in this State.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

The following House resolution was taken up and concurred in, to wit:

By Mr. Jordan—

A resolution authorizing the committee appointed to investigate the controversy between the Commissioner of Agriculture and Dr. Payne to summon witnesses and administer oaths to them, and for other purposes.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was read the second time:

By Mr. McLester—

A bill to provide for a Board of Equalization of tax returns in this State.

Leave of absence was granted the following sub committee to visit the convict camps until Monday: Messrs. McLester, Passmore, Sutton and Wilcox.

The following House bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage.

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating and organizing a Board of Water Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to prohibit, in Chatham county, any person holding more than one office at one time.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Park—

A bill to repeal the Act requiring the bank examiner of this State to examine private banks.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Lee—

A bill to authorize and empower the mayor and city council of Cochran to purchase, build and maintain a system of waterworks for said city.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to compensate the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Burke.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following House bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Latimer—

A bill to appropriate the sum of \$750, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay pensions for 1898.

The following Senate bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to repeal the Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Fannin.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Upon motion of Senator Steed, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Thursday, December 1st, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Wright.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Heard,	Redding,
Brannen,	Humphreys,	Steed,
Bunn,	Johnson,	Terrell.
Daniel,	King,	Thompson,
Davis,	Little,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Mann,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Morrison,	West,
Fouche,	Moye,	Wight,
Greene,	McGehee,	Wingfield,
Gross,	Odom,	Wood,
Grovenstein,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Hand,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Nesbitt,	Sutton,
Hodge,	Passmore,	Webb,
Lang,	Perkins,	Wilcox.
McLester,		

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Terrell, Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Republic, submitted the following report: .

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on the State of the Republic have had under consideration the following House resolution, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their best efforts in furtherance of the early completion of the Nicaraguan canal.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. TERRELL, Chairman.

Mr. Wingfield, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following bills:

A bill to repeal an Act creating a Board of County Commissioners for Fannin county.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the superior court in the Cherokee Circuit.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. WINGFIELD, Chairman.

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following House resolution, which they instruct me to report back that the same do pass, to wit:

A resolution, to pay to the widow of J W Willoby, of Fayette county, the sum of sixty (\$60) dollars, amount of pension due for the year 1898.

The committee also recommends that the author be allowed to withdraw the following Senate bill, to wit:

A bill to require all guano manufacturers and dealers, and also all manufacturers and dealers in commercial fertilizers, who may do business in this State, to return for taxation all of their assets in each county in which they may do business.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

Mr. Steed, Chairman pro tem. of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, as amended.

A bill to amend the charter of the Home Loan Building Company of Atlanta.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bills do not pass:

A bill to repeal the general registration law of Georgia.

Also, a bill to require railroads to build depots under certain circumstances, when ordered by the Railroad Commission.

Respectfully submitted.

W. E. STEED, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars to pay pensions for 1898, to such invalid pensioners or their widows, who have been regularly enrolled as pensioners, and who have failed to receive the same.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. BLALOCK, Chairman.



The following Sub Penitentiary Committee was granted leave of absence for a few days: Messrs. Greene, Davis, Johnson, Perkins and Lang.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Odom was added to the General Judiciary Committee.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. Lang on account of sickness.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to require all judges of the superior and city courts of this State to decide all motions for new trials, injunctions, etc., within 90 days in counties with more than 50,000 inhabitants, and counties with less than 50,000 inhabitants, in 30 days.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Howard—

A bill to regulate settlements to be made by the tax-collectors of this State, of railroad taxes received by them, and to fix their compensation.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Messrs. Mayson and George—

A bill to incorporate the town of Edgewood in the

county of DeKalb, and to provide a municipal government for said town.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to provide for a change of venue in certain civil cases under article 6, section 17 and paragraph 1 of the Constitution of Georgia.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoache—

A bill to fix the time for the election of all city officers to be elected by the city council of Savannah.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Bynum—

A bill to repeal the Act consolidating the office of Clerk of the Superior Court, and Treasurer of Columbia county.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following resolution of the House was read the first time:

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution providing for the payment to Mrs. Anna E. Branch certain moneys in the treasury, growing out of sale of certain wild lands for taxes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hand, Chairman on Banks Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Banks have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to authorize and provide for the preparation and issuance to the banks and banking associations, chartered by this State of circulating notes, to fully protect the same, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. HAND, Chairman.

The following House resolution was read the second time:

By Mr. Blalock—

A bill to pay to the widow of J. W. Willoby, the pension due for the year of 1898.

The following House bill was read the second time, to wit:

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the charter of the Home Loan and Building Company of Atlanta.

Also,

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to wilfully or wantonly fire off or discharge any loaded gun or pistol on Sunday.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to amend the charter of Leesburg in Lee county.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of Fire Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the Board of Tax-Assessors and Revenues for the city of Savannah.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Public Works in the city of Savannah.

By unanimous consent, the following bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Morrison—

A bill to provide for the more humane execution of persons convicted of capital offense in this State.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Morrison—

A bill to regulate and restrict the various pension laws of Georgia, so as to confine the payment to Confederate veterans that are not worth more than \$16,000.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Upon motion, Senate bill No. 6 was temporarily tabled.

By unanimous consent, Senate bill No. 56 was withdrawn by author.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House insists on its refusal to agree to the Senate substitute for the following bills of the House, and asks for a committee of conference, to wit:

A bill to amend the Act of December 15th, 1871, establishing the city court of Atlanta, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend the Act of September 6th, 1891, establishing the criminal court of Atlanta, and for other purposes.

And has appointed as the committee of conference on the part of the House, Messrs. Slaton, Brandon and Blacklock.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Special Judiciary have had under consideration the following House bills, which I am instructed to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to enforce the collection of taxes.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to impose a penalty for failure to pay taxes.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Dawson.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. REDDING, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, Senate bill No. 1 was read the third time, tabled and 100 copies ordered printed for the use of the Senate, and was made the special order for next Tuesday, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, the following conference committee was appointed to confer with House committee on House bills Nos. 125 and 126: Messrs. Steed, McGehee and Mann.

The following Senate bill was read the third time with adverse report from the committee:

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to amend section 2195 of the Code of Georgia, volume 11, fixing the venue of suits in cases brought by the State to recover penalties from railroads for failure to construct depots.

Mr. Humphreys moved to disagree to the report of the committee.

Mr. Wight called for the previous question.

Mr. Steed moved, as a substitute, that the Senate agree to the report of the committee, which is adverse to the passage of the bill.

And upon this, the ayes and nays were ordered and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Bunn,	Morrison,	West,
Dickerson,	Steed,	Wight.
Mann,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Humphreys,	Redding,
Fouche,	Johnson,	Thompson,
Greene,	King,	Thrasher,
Gross,	Little,	Underwood,
Grovenstein,	Moye,	Wingfield,
Hand,	McGehee,	Wood.
Heard,	Odom,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Lang,	Sutton,
Clifton,	McLester,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Nesbitt,	Webb,
Davis,	Passmore,	Wilcox,
Dowling,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Hodge,	Rawlings,	

Ayes 7, nays 20.

The report of the committee was agreed to.

Mr. Humphreys moved that the report of the committee be disagreed, which motion was carried.

Mr. Humphreys moved that this bill be made the special order to follow special order for next Tuesday.

Upon motion of Mr. Wingfield, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Friday, December 2d, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock  
a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Steed,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Sutton,
Bunn,	King,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Lang,	Thompson,
Davis,	Little,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Mann,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Morrison,	Webb,
Fouche,	Moye,	West,
Greene,	McGehee,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood,
Heard,	Redding,	Mr. President.
Hodge,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Passmore,	Rawlings.
McLester,		

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. West and Humphreys until Monday; also, Mr. Gross.

By unanimous consent, Mr. King was added to the General Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills which I am instructed to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to amend section 5551 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to provide for a more complete transfer and assignment of rent and mortgage notes.

Also, a bill to provide for a more humane execution of persons convicted of capital offense in this State.

The committee also recommends that the following House bills do pass:

A bill to require the judges of the superior and city courts of this State to decide all motions for new trials, injunctions, demurrers, and other motions in a certain length of time.

Also, a bill to provide for a change of venue in certain civil cases.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bill do pass, as amended:

A bill to amend section 2636 of the Code, to provide for a penalty for using the name of a person in a partnership who is not a member thereof.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bill do pass by substitute:

A bill to fix the compensation of the stenographic reporters of the superior and city courts of this State.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate that the same do pass as amended, to wit:

A bill to fix the number of committeemen to visit the various institutes of the State, and fix the compensation of the same.

The committee also request me to report back the following bill, with the recommendation that the same do not pass, to wit:

A bill to amend section 5514 of the Code of 1895.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same be read the second time, and recommitted, to wit:

A bill for the regulation of corporations.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bills, which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that same be read the second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to repeal an Act consolidating the office of Clerk and Treasurer in Columbus county.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Edgewood in DeKalb county.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Perkins, Chairman on the part of the Senate to visit the different States to investigate the Australian ballot, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

We, the joint committee, appointed under a resolution of the General Assembly, to visit some State using the Australian ballot, investigate its operations and report our observations upon the same, beg leave to make the following report:

Your committee visited the State of Tennessee, where the general election was held in November.

Congressmen, Governor and State house officers, and members of the General Assembly and other officers were elected at the November election.

The committee visited Chattanooga and Memphis, and received special courtesies at the hands of the officers and citizens of each city.

Ample opportunities were given the committee to witness said election in all its operations, under the Australian ballot law of Tennessee.

The committee examined the preparations for holding elections and witnessed the management by the superintendents and other officers, also the counting out of the ballots after the polls were closed.

### MANNER OF VOTING.

Prior to registering, the voter must pay his poll tax. This is required of every voter between the ages of 21 and 50 years.

There are three County Registrars appointed biennially by the Judge of the Superior Court for each county.

These three appoint assistant Registrars for each voting precinct and also a Commissioner of elections and managers for the elections at each voting precinct.

The arrangements for voting are simple and inexpensive.

A hollow square about 10 by 12 feet is enclosed with 2 by 4 lumber.

This square is occupied by the Judges of election and Clerks.

A rope is fastened around the front of the house in which the election is held, leaving an entrance on each side which is guarded by an officer. The entrances fifty feet from the door.

One of the assistant Registrars occupies a position at the door. He has all the tickets for that precinct, which are printed by the government and not distributed, except to qualified voters as they appear at the door.

A person wishing to vote approaches the door, exhibits to the assistant registrar, who has the tickets, his registration certificate and his poll tax receipt. Being properly

identified by this officer, he is given a ticket and allowed to pass within. He hands his ticket, poll tax receipt and registration certificate to the Commissioner of elections, who places a corresponding number on all three and returns them to the voter. The voter then enters a small booth in which is a shelf. The ticket contains the names of all the candidates, arranged in alphabetical order without other distinction. The voter makes a cross mark immediately in front or after the name of each candidate for whom he wishes to vote. He will then fold his ticket and return and hand it to one of the Judges of elections, together with his poll tax receipt and registration certificate. If the numbers on all three correspond, and the voter is otherwise identified as a legal voter, his ballot is deposited in the election box and the voter retires.

Only one voter is allowed to enter the booth at the same time, and he is allowed ten minutes to prepare his ballot if no others are following, and five if others are following.

The prerequisites to registration are similar to the same under Georgia laws except the payment of taxes. Under the Tennessee law the payment of poll tax is all that is required so far as taxes are concerned. All candidates are nominated by primary elections, held under similar rules to those prescribed by political parties in Georgia.

Your committee was much pleased with the good order preserved around the voting precincts—the same being absolutely free from strife and turmoil.

So far as observed, the elections are fair and honest—no inducement being offered to any voter.

Under a proper and faithful management of an election

under this law, fraud and bribery, and the use of improper means seem to be impossible.

The voting is undoubtedly secret, each voter marking and preparing his own ticket, unless blind or otherwise physically unable to prepare a ticket for himself.

No person is allowed to accompany the voter after he reaches within fifty feet of the door of the house in which the election is held.

Without favoring or expressing a preference for the enactment of the Australian ballot law or any other special ballot law, your committee is profoundly impressed with the necessity of some kind of ballot reform for Georgia, a reform that will prevent the purchase and sale of votes with money or other corrupting influences.

M. T. PERKINS, Chairman,

On part of Senate.

The following Senate bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to amend section 2185 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Morrison—

A bill to repeal section 397, volume 3 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.



Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to relieve the security on bond of S. S. Sasser against Solomon Akins.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Fouche—

A bill to amend section 2168 of the Civil Code of 1895.

Referred to the Railroad Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to relieve Jno. T. Miken and Jas. H. Ellis as security on the bond of S. S. Sasser.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

The following resolution was read and laid over until to-morrow:

By Mr. Wight—

A resolution making the hour of meeting 10 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock.

The following Senate bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2835 of the Code of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2867 of the Code of 1895, relative to the record of schedule of exempted property.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to reduce the bond of the sheriff of Dougherty county to \$10,000.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Fouche—

A bill to amend section 5541 of the Code, which relates to bills of exceptions pending.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Fouche—

A bill to dispense with a motion for new trial, and filing briefs of the evidence, and to authorize a direct bill of exceptions in certain cases.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to amend section 107 of the Code of 1895, relative to contested election cases.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

By striking out the word "received" after the word "been" and before the word "and" in the 11th line of the caption of said bill and insert in lieu thereof, the words.

“sent to him.” Also, by striking out the words “received by” after the word “is” and before the word “the” in the 22d line of section 1 of said bill. Also, by striking out the words “received by” after the word “been” and before the word “been” in the last line of section 1 of said bill, and insert in lieu thereof the words “sent to.”

The following House bills were read the second time and recommitted to the Corporation Committee:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act consolidating the office of Clerk and Treasurer in Columbia county.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Edgewood in DeKalb county.

The following Senate bill was read the second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill providing for the regulation of corporations or associations transacting the business of life insurance.

The following House bill was, by unanimous consent, taken up and put upon its passage, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of Leesburg in Lee county, to maintain a dispensary in said town.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following House bill was taken up and read third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to authorize and provide for the preparation and issuance to the banks and banking associations of this State chartered under the laws of this State to circulate notes and protect the same.

Mr. Davis moved that the bill just read be indefinitely postponed, which motion was lost.

Upon motion of Mr. Hand, the bill just read was tabled.

The following House bill was read the third time, to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to wilfully or wantonly fire off or discharge a gun or pistol on Sunday, except for defense of person or property.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following House resolution was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Blalock—

A resolution to pay to the widow of J. W. Willoby the pension due him for the year 1898.

This being an appropriation it was necessary for the roll to be called on its passage, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hodge,	Redding,
Brannen,	King,	Steed,
Bunn,	Little,	Terrell,
Davis,	Morrison,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Underwood,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	West,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood.
Heard,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Lang,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Mann,	Webb,
Dowling,	McLester,	Wight,
Greene,	Passmore,	Wilcox,
Humphreys,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Johnson,		

Ayes 28, nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution memorializing our Representatives in Congress to vote and use their best effort to further the building of the Nicaragua canal.

The resolution was concurred in.

The following House bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Latimer—

A bill to appropriate the sum of \$750, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay pensions for the year 1898.

This being an appropriation, the roll-call was ordered on its passage, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	King,	Redding,
Brannen,	Little,	Steed,
Bunn,	Mann,	Terrell,
Davis,	Morrison,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Underwood,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	West,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wight,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood.
Heard,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Johnson,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Lang,	Webb,
Dowling,	McLester,	Wilcox,
Greene,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hodge,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,		

Ayes 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the Board of Fire Commissioners for the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the Board of Tax-Assessors and Receivers for the city of Savannah.

This bill was tabled.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the office of Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the charter of the Home Loan Building Company of Atlanta.



Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

Amend, by adding at the end of section 1 the following: Provided, that in case any of the books of record in the clerk's office shall be lost or destroyed, the county authorities shall have the right to obtain from said company, on payment of reasonable compensation, copies of any book or records that may have been lost or mislaid from the clerk's office.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to enforce the collection of all taxes, assessments, fines, license fee, and any other sums due the city by execution.

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to impose a penalty for failure to pay taxes, assessments and fines for water used through the water pipes of said city.

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to provide for change of venue in certain civil cases under article 6, section 17 and paragraph 1 of the Constitution.

By Mr. Laing—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Dawson in Terrell county.

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to require judges of the superior and city courts of this State to decide motions in a certain length of time.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2636 of the Code of Georgia.

Also,

By Mr. McGehee—

A bill to provide compensation for the superior and city court stenographers of this State.

Also,

By Mr. King—

A bill to fix the number of committeemen to visit the different institutions of this State.

Also,

By Mr. Wingfield—

A bill to provide for a more complete transfer of rent notes and mortgage notes, and other evidences of indebtedness.

Also,

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to amend section 5551 of the Code of 1895.

Also,

By Mr. Morrison—

A bill to provide for the more humane execution of persons convicted of capital offense in this State.

The following Senate bill was read the second time with adverse report from committee:

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to amend section 5514 of the Code of 1895.

The report of the committee was agreed to and bill was lost.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Moye, Terrell, Odom, Perkins, Thompson, Steed and Thrasher until Tuesday; also, Mr. Hand.

Upon motion of Mr. Brannen, the Senate adjourned until Monday at 11 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Monday, December 5th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Hodge,	Redding,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Lang,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Davis,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Webb,
Dowling,	McGehee,	West,
Fouche,	McLester,	Wight,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Gross,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Grovenstein,	Perkins,	Wood,
Hand,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Heard,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Humphreys,	Passmore,	Thompson.
Little,		

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which it instructs me to report back to the House, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to repeal section 397, volume 3 of the Code of Georgia of 1895.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bill pass, as amended:

A bill to regulate and restrict the various pension laws of this State, so as to confine the payment to Confederate soldiers not worth over \$1,000.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bill do not pass:

A bill to revise the election laws of this State, and provide the manner of holding elections.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, for the minority of the committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee of the General Judiciary, having had under consideration the election bill and recommended

that the same do not pass, we the undersigned, beg leave to submit a minority report, and do recommend that the same do pass.

JOHN F. REDDING,  
R. T. FOCHE.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report: .

*Mr. President:*

The committee report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following Senate bills, to wit:

A bill to amend section 107 of volume 1 of the Code of 1895, relating to contested elections, by adding an additional subsection.

Also, a bill to reduce the sheriff's bond of the county of Dougherty.

Also, a bill to dispense with a motion for new trial and filing brief of evidence, and to authorize a direct bill of exceptions in certain cases.

Also, a bill to amend section 2835 of the Code relating to the approval of homesteads and recording same in this State.

Also, a bill to amend section 5541 of the Code, relating to bills of exceptions, pendente lite.

Also, a bill to amend section 2867 of the Code of 1895, relative to the record of schedules of exempted property.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

Mr. King, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, reports as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, to wit:

A resolution appointing a committee from the Senate and House to investigate the condition of the State Treasury.

Respectfully submitted.

C. N. KING, Chairman.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by his Excellency, the Governor, to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Passmore and King for Tuesday, on important business; also, Mr. Bunn

The following Senate bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to authorize and permit foreign railroad corporations to become incorporated under the laws of this State.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has unanimously concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution, extending congratulations to Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, the now distinguished Georgian, who raised the first American flag over Manila.

The House has also passed the following bill of the Senate, by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to amend and consolidate and supersede the several Acts amending the charter of the city of Cedartown in the county of Polk.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to authorize the Governor to decorate the capitol in honor of the President.



The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Lumpkin.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

The following House resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Park—

A resolution authorizing the Governor to decorate the capitol in honor of the President.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Everett—

A bill to amend an Act incorporating the town of Lumpkin in Stewart county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on part of the Senate to investigate the condition of the W and A. R. R., submitted the following report:

MR. PRESIDENT :

The Special Joint Committee appointed to consider the report of the Special Attorney for the Western & Atlantic Railroad and report their conclusions and recommendations, beg to report as follows :

The committee, in so far as the time at their disposal

would permit, have reviewed the work of the office as shown in the official reports and as brought to their attention by the Special Attorney.

For more than twenty years prior to the appointment of the Special Attorney the State had no direct representative charged with the guardianship of its interest in this great property. In consequence, valuable properties pertaining to the Western & Atlantic Railroad had passed into the possession of and were adversely claimed by others, records had been scattered, lost and destroyed, and the rights of the State were otherwise confused, unsettled and difficult of ascertainment. The terminals both at Atlanta and Chattanooga were in dispute. Serious controversies existed with several railway companies concerning rights of way, and at almost every station encroachments existed, and adverse rights were claimed.

Thus, with regard to the terminal at Atlanta, it appears that the State's lessee was in undisputed possession of only nineteen feet of the right of way between Forsyth and Whitehall streets, the remainder being occupied by a railway company which claimed to have acquired it in 1846; the ownership of the Union Depot was in dispute, the State being accorded only a three-tenths interest therein; Wall street was adversely claimed by the city of Atlanta, and the State had no evidence of title to a considerable portion of the right of way between Whitehall and Pryor streets. All of these matters have been adjusted favorably to the State by the special attorney through litigation or otherwise; the title of the State to the full width of its right of way of one hundred feet between the points named

has been established. Complete title to the right of way between Whitehall and Pryor streets has been acquired. The status of Wall street has been declared, with the consent of both the State and the city, and the right of the State to the Union Depot has been ascertained.

The foregoing is given as an illustration of the character of the difficulties encountered and the results accomplished. A similar state of affairs existed with reference to the Union Depot at Chattanooga, and like results have been accomplished, after litigation in the courts of Tennessee.

The entire right of way has been practically freed of encroachments. The East & West Railroad was occupying the right of way for the distance of about one mile at Cartersville; the Marietta & North Georgia Railroad was trespassing for the same distance at Marietta; and the Belt Railroad seriously encroached upon the right of way at Atlanta. All of these have been satisfactorily adjusted.

Numerous parcels of outlying property, some of which had been entirely lost sight of, were in the possession of third persons under claim of title. Some of these claimants had held possession for more than forty years. All of these properties have been recovered. Numerous other instances might be cited, but these are sufficient for the purpose of this report.

It seems that in every case the rights of the State have been established. The Special Attorney has been uniformly successful, both in the courts and before special tribunals.

The value of the property recovered, and in which the rights of the State have been favorably established, may

be conservatively estimated as exceeding a half million dollars. Important legal precedents have been established in the courts of both Georgia and Tennessee, which will afford future protection to this property.

Thus, it has been held that the State owns the railroad in her sovereign capacity ; that, as affecting this property, estoppel does not apply, prescription does not run, nor is it within the meaning of any statute affecting private rights, unless the State be included within the express term.

Complete official maps of the entire road, including both terminals and rights of way, have been prepared and filed. These maps are admissible in evidence in the courts as *prima facie* true and correct. They constitute constructive notice of their contents, and are invested with other like qualities given by the law to the record of deeds to lands. Boundaries of the State's property are thus defined and perpetuated, and the public is put upon notice, so that trespassing thereon may be avoided.

Several highly important matters remain to be disposed of. The building of a new Union Depot at Atlanta has been recently much agitated, and it seems that the matter is now being seriously considered by the parties at interest. An adequate passenger station on the present site would materially enhance the value of the Western & Atlantic Railroad, and would thereby enure to the benefit of the State. The State should not consider an abandonment of the present site, nor should it, in our opinion, entertain any plan that would deprive it of the absolute control of this terminal at the expiration of the present lease. Should the State consent to a lease to a terminal company beyond the

expiration of the term of the present lease of the Western & Atlantic Railroad, it should reserve the privilege or option of acquiring all outstanding interests at a valuation to be arrived at in a definite manner.

Thus, a value might be fixed upon each year's use with reference to the amount expended in the erection of the station, so that the value of the outstanding interest could be definitely ascertained at any given time. Should such a privilege be reserved and not exercised, the State should require the payment of a ground rent after the expiration of the present lease.

The rights and interests of the State and of the Western & Atlantic Railroad should be most carefully guarded in any plan that may be adopted. In view of the fact that no final plan has been as yet submitted, we recommend the appointment of a commission, to consist of the Governor, the Attorney-General and the Special Attorney for the Western & Atlantic Railroad, together with two members from the House to be appointed by the Speaker, and one from the Senate to be appointed by the President, who shall have authority to consent, in behalf of the State, to such plan as may meet with their unanimous approval.

We submit with this report the draft of a bill which embodies the ideas of the committee in this regard.

Official map number six shows the entire right of way through lots numbers 243 and 244 in Fulton county to be of the width of 200 feet. This appears to be clearly a mistake. It is only from the point of intersection of the original right of way with that subsequently adopted that the width is 200 feet. We recommend that a correction of the

map be authorized and present herewith form of a joint resolution to this effect.

There are three cases now pending in the courts of this State : One in Fulton Superior Court, involving the right of the Southern Railway to use and occupy the right-of-way for six miles in and near Atlanta ; one in Whitfield Superior Court, involving the right of the Southern Railway to use the right-of-way for seven miles south of the city of Dalton ; and one in Cobb Superior Court, involving an encroachment on the right-of-way in the city of Marietta. The cases against the Southern Railway involve questions of the most far-reaching importance.

It appears that in 1860 Governor Brown made a conveyance to the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad of about eight acres of the original depot grounds at Chattanooga. A part of this property is used and occupied by the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, which is the successor of the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad, and a large part of the property has been sold to private persons and has been extensively improved. The Supreme Court of Tennessee, in the recent case involving the ownership of the Chattanooga Union Depot, declared that this deed of Governor Brown was unauthorized, and therefore its recitals were not binding upon the State by way of estoppel. While this does not adjudicate the question, it apparently reflects the opinion of the courts of Tennessee thereon.

Should the State seek to enforce what is conceived to be its right in this regard, suit would be brought in the Supreme Court of the United States. It is proper to say

that the questions involved are delicate and uncertain, and the result of such a suit cannot be predicted with any degree of confidence. It is also a question of policy whether the State will, after a lapse of forty years, question the title of innocent third persons who seem to have acquired the property in good faith and for a valuable consideration.

The General Assembly has heretofore adopted a joint resolution requesting the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee to enact proper legislation authorizing the filing of the official maps of the Western & Atlantic Railroad in Hamilton county, and to give to the same when so filed the force and effect of records of deeds to lands. We are advised that the Governor of this State and the Special Attorney for the Western & Atlantic Railroad have several times endeavored to secure the co-operation of the Governor of Tennessee upon this subject, but their efforts have been fruitless. The General Assembly of Tennessee will convene in January next, and we think it important that an effort should be made to secure the legislation requested.

The General Assembly, at its last session, directed the Special Attorney to prepare a hand-book of the Western and Atlantic Railroad, setting out either substantially or at large all important acts and resolutions of the General Assembly of this State and of the State of Tennessee touching this property, together with such ordinances of the cities of Atlanta and Chattanooga, all important contracts and agreements, and a digest of all judicial decisions in the courts of this State and of the State of Tennessee and of the United States affecting the Western & Atlantic Railroad. The purpose of the resolution was to obtain a

record of the legislative, executive, judicial and physical history of the Western & Atlantic Railroad.

The Special Attorney has made considerable progress on the work, the first draft thereof being now in manuscript. The importance of this work seems manifest, and its value will increase as time passes. When the State comes to deal with a disposition of the Western & Atlantic Railroad at the expiration of the present lease, it would seem that the value of this work would prove very great. We find that the Special Attorney has been forced to employ clerical assistance in the preparation of the manuscript, and further assistance of the same character will be necessary. In our opinion such clerical expenses should be paid out of the contingent fund.

At the beginning of the present year, when it was thought that the work originally contemplated could be finished within the year, the Special Attorney undertook to complete such matters as were then pending without additional compensation. Under this agreement the Special Attorney would in any event continue to represent the State in the case pending at Marietta and in the two cases against the Southern Railway Company, and would also complete the hand-book. Other matters within the purview of the agreement have been satisfactorily disposed of.

Your committee recommends that the office be not discontinued at this time. The value of the services rendered by the Special Attorney has far exceeded the cost of the office, and it is fair to presume that such will continue to be the case. When it is remembered that the rental



paid to the State by the present lessee of the road exceeds five per cent. on eight millions of dollars, and that the annual cost of the office of Special Attorney is less than the value of two days' rental, the State's interests would seem to require the services of the Special Attorney for their due protection and preservation. No corporation owning property of such magnitude would consent to dispense with the services of a special representative who had so successfully guarded its interest.

In addition to what may be termed the current work of the office involving new matters and questions that must constantly arise, the special work outlined and now in progress requires that the services of the Special Attorney be retained.

The committee begs to further say that the Special Attorney, Hon. W. A. Wimbish, has brought to the discharge of his duties a high degree of fidelity, zeal and professional ability. His work has been eminently satisfactory; and in view of his special fitness we think the State could ill afford to lose the benefit of his service at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. WEST,

S. T. BLALOCK,

On the part of the Senate.

A. O. BLALOCK,

MORRIS BRANDON,

R. A. DENNY,

On the part of the House.

Mr. West, Chairman on the part of the Senate, to consider the report of W. A. Wimbish, on the true northern boundary of the State, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Special Joint Committee, appointed for the purpose of considering the report of W. A. Wimbish, Esq., concerning the true northern boundary of this State, and to recommend such action on the part of the General Assembly as should be appropriate, beg to report as follows:

It seems reasonably certain that the true and ancient boundary of the State was some twelve miles north of the 35th parallel of north latitude, which parallel marks the present boundary between Georgia and Tennessee, and Georgia and North Carolina. In 1804 the General Assembly of this State adopted an Act, in the preamble to which it was recited that the northern boundary was defined by the 35th parallel. This declaration has since been frequently repeated.

In 1887 Georgia passed an Act, declaring that the line between Dade county, Georgia, and Marion and Hamilton counties, Tennessee, was unsettled, and providing for the appointment of commissioners to meet similar commissioners on the part of Tennessee, "whose duty it shall be to survey, establish and proclaim the true line between the disputed points." In 1889 Tennessee adopted a reciprocal Act containing similar recitals. The commission so authorized by the two States has never acted.

If these Acts are to be construed to mean merely that the true location of the 35th parallel is in doubt, this sim-

ple question can be easily determined. If, however, the proper construction be that the true and ancient boundary is in dispute, then the whole question is opened on its merits, and the State of Georgia should take appropriate action.

The committee would recommend legislation providing for the appointment of commissioners to consider and determine the whole matter; and that reciprocal legislation be invited on the part of Tennessee and North Carolina. A resolution expressing the ideas of the committee is submitted herewith.

W. S. WEST,

S. T. BLALOCK,

On the part of the Senate.

A. O. BLALOCK,

MORRIS BRANDON,

R. A. DENNY,

On part of the House.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Rules have had under consideration the following Senate resolution, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

Resolved, That the hour of meeting of the Senate be changed from 11 o'clock a. m. to 10 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman pro tem.

The following Senate resolution was read the first time:

By Mr. West—

A resolution to provide for the correction of map number 6 of the official survey of the W and A. railroad.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The following Senate resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Wight—

A resolution fixing the hour of meeting at 10 o'clock a. m. instead of 11 o'clock.

The following Senate resolution was read the first time:

By Mr. West—

A resolution to authorize the Governor to appoint a commission to consider, determine and declare the true northern boundary of the State of Georgia.

Referred to the Railroad Committee.

Also,

By Mr. West—

A bill appointing commissioners to consent in behalf of the State to the erection of a new union passenger station on the State's property in the city of Atlanta.

Referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to provide a new charter for the town of Clarkston.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

Also, a bill to make it unlawful to manufacture any alcoholic or other intoxicating liquors, except domestic wines, in the county of Talbot, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 127, nays 0.

The following House bill was taken from the table to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. McDonald—

A bill to amend section 398 of the Code, touching gaming-houses.

Mr. McGehee moved to table the bill, which motion was lost.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 12, nays 15.

The bill not having received the requisite constitutional majority, was lost.

The following House bills were read the third time, to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Lang—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Dawson in the county of Terrell.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to require all Judges of the Superior and city courts of this State to decide motions for new trials within 30 days in counties of not less than 50,000 inhabitants, and within 90 days in counties of more than 50,000 inhabitants.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to provide for a change of venue in certain civil cases under article 6, section 17 and paragraph 1 of the Constitution.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to impose a penalty for failure to pay taxes, assessments, fines and license fees, and any sums due the city for use of water through its water pipes.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to enforce the collection of all taxes, assessments, fines and licenses due the city.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Woodall—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to manufacture any intoxicating liquors or wines in Talbot county.

Referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Also,

By Mr. Mayson--

A bill to provide for a new charter for the town of Clarkston in DeKalb county.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 21 was recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 29 was temporarily tabled; also, Senate bill No. 43.

The following Senate bill was read the third time, with adverse report from the committee:

By Mr. Underwood—

A bill to amend section 5514 of the Code of 1895.

The report of the committee was agreed to and bill was lost.

The following Senate bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:



By Mr. King—

A bill to fix the number of committeemen to visit the different institutions of the State.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

Amend section 1 by strikink the word “five” in the 14th line, and the word “15” in the 15th line, and inserting in lieu thereof in the 14th line the word “3,” and in the 15th line the word “name.”

Also,

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to amend section 5551 of the Code of 1895, by adding after the last word of said section, the following words, to wit: “which shall operate as a supersedeas until the case is disposed of in the Supreme Court.”

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Upon motion of Mr. Wight, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Tuesday, December 6th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President pro tem.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names.

Blalock,	Hodge,	Redding,
Clifton,	Humphreys,	Steed,
Daniel,	Johnson,	Sutton,
Davis,	Lang,	Terrell.
Dickerson,	Little,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Mann,	Webb,
Fouche,	Morrison,	West,
Greene,	McGehee,	Wight,
Gross,	McLester,	Wilcox.
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Moye,	Thompson,
Bunn,	Odom,	Thrasher.
King,	Perkins,	

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The special order was Senate bill No. 24, which is as follows:

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill relating to the net proceeds arising from the inspection of oils and fertilizers.

Upon motion of Mr. Nesbitt, the bill was temporarily tabled.

The next special order was the following bill:

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to amend section 2195 of the Code of 1895, relative to the construction of depots in this State.

Upon motion of Mr. Humphreys, the bill was tabled temporarily

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to amend section 5401 of volume 2 of the Code of 1895, relative to the fees of sheriffs, so as to include as costs the amount paid for U. S. revenue stamps on deeds.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to amend paragraph 7 of section 107 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of Ocilla in Irwin county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to provide for the creation of a Board of County Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Oconee, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 90, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the St. Luke Methodist church South, of Columbus, to create a lien by mortgage, or otherwise, for purpose of borrowing money to complete the church building, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act, approved August 27th, 1872, creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Monroe, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta, to grant and convey so much of the south side of Walker street as may be necessary to construct a passenger depot.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to fix the number of its members necessary to constitute a quorum.

Passed. Ayes 97, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta exclusively to fix within prescribed limits all fines and punishments for violations of any laws established by said council.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Sylvester in the county of Worth, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 1.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Sharpsburg in Coweta county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 91, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal so much of an Act to provide for the payment of certain insolvent costs in the northern judicial circuit, as relates to the county of Hancock.

Passed. Ayes 94, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of certain insolvent criminal costs in the northern judicial circuit so far as it relates to Hancock county.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to provide that the city council of Augusta shall not be required to use its common seal in making and establishing by-laws, rules and ordinances, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act providing for the payment of the insolvent costs of the justices of the peace, notaries public and constables of Hancock county.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act establishing a system of public schools for the town of Washington, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 4 of an Act incorporating the city of Waynesboro, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 97, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to change the dam across Savannah river at the head of the Augusta canal, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 0.

Also, a bill to fix the boundary of the city of Augusta, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

Also, a bill to alter and amend the 20th section of an Act, incorporating the town of Eastmen, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 0.

Also, a bill to fix the salary of the judge of the county court of Marion county

Passed. Ayes 91, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the mayor and council of Washington, Georgia, to issue bonds to the amount of \$50,000 for certain purposes.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues in the county of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Washington in the county of Wilkes.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

The following special order was a bill

By Mr. McLester—

A bill to provide for a Board of Tax Equalizers in each county in this State.

Upon motion of Mr. Fouche, this bill went over until tomorrow, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do not pass, to wit:

A bill to regulate settlements to be made by the Tax-Collectors of this State, of railroad taxes received by them, and to fix their compensation.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they direct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to incorporate the town of Edgewood in DeKalb county.

They have also had under consideration the following



House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, as amended:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Special Judiciary have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to fix the time of electing all city officers in the city of Savannah.

Also, a bill to provide and fix the hours of keeping open the polls in precincts located in incorporated towns.

Also, a bill to authorize the mayor and city council of Newnan to build and maintain a system of waterworks.

Also, a bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Lumpkin in the county of Stewart.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. Fouche, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which I am instructed to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to provide a new charter for the town of Clarks-ton in the county of DeKalb.

The committee also recommends that the following Senate bill do pass, by substitute, as amended:

A bill to provide stenographic reporters for the superior and city courts of this State, and fix their compensation.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, chairman.

Mr. Fouche, chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President.*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to authorize and permit foreign railroad companies to become incorporated under the laws of this State.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they instruct me to report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit:

A bill to amend section 5551 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill fixing the number of committeemen to visit the various State institutions.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

Mr. Wood, Chairman of the Committee on School for the Deaf, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on the School for the Deaf, located at Cave Springs, have visited that institution, and beg leave to submit the following report:

The general hygienic surroundings of the institution are good, and the health of the inmates is as good as can be expected in an institution of this kind anywhere.

The school is growing, and both departments, white and colored, are well filled.

We find the grounds and buildings well kept and in good condition, except the negro building, which needs some slight repairs.

The disbursement of all funds appropriated by the State and expended by the institution are properly vouched for, and we desire to commend the treasurer, Mr. Simmons, for the careful and correct manner in which the books of this department are kept.

We feel that the principal, Mr. Connor, deserves the commendation of this body and the thanks of the people of Georgia for the efficient and painstaking service he is giving this institution.

We desire also, to express our perfect satisfaction with the whole management of the institution, and the efficiency of all teachers and officers connected therewith.

We believe that the institution needs an additional appropriation for building purposes, but in consideration of the stringent financial condition of our State, we recommend that no appropriation for that purpose be made at this time.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. WOOD, Chairman.

Mr. McGehee, Chairman of the Temperance Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Temperance Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which I am instructed to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to make it unlawful to manufacture any alcoholic or spirituous liquors in the county of Talbot.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. McGEHEE, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, the following House bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Ousley—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta in the county of Lowndes.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows: By adding to section 2 the following words: "Provided that permission be not granted for any right-of-way on any street or streets of said city to any steam railroad company without the unanimous vote of the mayor and council of said city.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the Board of Tax Assessors and Receivers for the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, and the amendment was as follows:

Provided, that this law shall not go into operation until April 1st, 1899.

Also,

By Messrs. Mayson and George—

A bill to incorporate the town of Edgewood in the county of DeKalb.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Bynum—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Columbia.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to change in whole or in part the location of the dam now extending across Savannah river.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to fix the boundary line between the States of Georgia and South Carolina.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to amend the Act approved September 14, 1894, establishing a system of public schools in the town of Washington.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Also,

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Washington, Georgia.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to grant and convey so much of the south side of Walker street for the purpose of constructing a depot.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to fix the number of its members necessary to constitute a quorum.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Sharpsburg in Coweta county.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Chappell—

A bill to authorize the St. Luke's Methodist church of Columbus to borrow money to complete that building.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.



Also,

By Mr. Price—

A bill to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Road and Revenues for the county of Oconee.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Ford—

A bill to incorporate the town of Sylvester in the county of Worth.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to authorize the mayor and council of Washington, Georgia, to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 to construct waterworks.

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Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Henderson—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Ocilla in Irwin county

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Smith—

A bill to repeal so much and such parts of an Act approved August 20th, 1872, entitled an Act to provide for the payment of certain insolvent costs in the northern judicial circuit.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Smith—

A bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of certain insolvent costs in the northern judicial circuit.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Smith—

A bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the insolvent costs of the justice of the peace, notaries public and constables of Hancock county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to provide that the city council of Augusta shall

not be required to use its common seal in making and establishing by-laws.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to exclusively fix within prescribed limits all fines and punishments for violation of any of its laws.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to amend section 4 of the Act incorporating the city of Waynesboro in Burke county.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Harrell—

A bill to amend the 20th section of an Act approved December the 15th, 1871, to incorporate the town of Eastman in the county of Dodge.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Rogers—

A bill to fix the salary of the judge of the county court of Marion county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Willingham—

A bill to amend the Act, creating the Board of Commissioners of roads, public buildings, etc., for the county of Monroe.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following Senate bill was read the second time:

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to authorize foreign railroad companies to be incorporated under the laws of this State.

Leave of absence was granted President Dodson for to-day.

On motion of Mr. McGehee, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Wednesday, December 7th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Redding,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	Lang,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Little,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Davis,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Webb,
Fouche,	McLester,	West,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Gross,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Hodge,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

King.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Howard—

A bill to regulate settlements to be made by the Tax-Collectors of the State of railroad taxes received by them, and to fix their compensation.

The report of the Committee was agreed to and bill was lost.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to authorize the mayor and council of the city of Newnan to establish and maintain a system of sewers and drains, and for other purposes.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoache—

A bill to fix the time for the election of city officers for the city of Savannah to be elected by the council.

Also,

By Mr. Mayson—

A bill to provide a new charter for the town of Clarkesville.

Also,

By Mr. Woodall—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person to manufact-

ure any alcoholic or spirituous liquors in the county of Talbot.

Also,

By Mr. Everett—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Lumpkin in Stewart county.

The House amendments to Senate bill No. 38 were concurred in, which is a bill

By Mr. Bunn—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Cedartown in the county of Polk.

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Joint Committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions upon the death of Hon. W. T. Jones, representative of Dougherty county, submits the following memorial:

Whereas, In the death of Hon. W. T. Jones of the county of Dougherty, the county has sustained the loss of one of its most valued citizens, and the General Assembly of Georgia one of its most active and progressive members; be it resolved,

1st. That in the untimely demise of Judge Jones, we, the members of the General Assembly, have met with an irreparable loss. As a man, a citizen, an officer, he had fully met and faithfully performed the duties devolving upon him. He was born in Dougherty county, Ga., where he lived all his life; was a lawyer of high standing; was Judge of the county court of Dougherty for twenty years; was many times elected member of the city council of Albany. All who knew him testify to his unblemished and high record. We mourn his death, and his services will be sadly missed in the body of which he was so conspicuous a member.

2d. That we tender to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy, and express to them our sincere and earnest sorrow in the early death of this upright and zealous citizen, and our faithful fellow-worker.

3d. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his family, whose sudden affliction calls forth our tenderest compassion.

Respectfully submitted.

ED. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:



A resolution to appoint a committee of five from the House and three from the Senate to confer with the Governor, in regard to the entertainment of President McKinley during his visit to Atlanta.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Hardwick—

A resolution appointing a committee of 5 from the House and 3 from the Senate to confer with the Governor, relative to the entertainment of the President.

Committee on part of Senate are Messrs. Hand, Mann and Clifton.

The unfinished business, which was Senate bill No. 1, was taken up; it is a bill

By Mr. McLester—

A bill to create a Board of Tax Equalizers for each county of this State.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,  
Brannen,  
Bunn,  
Clifton,

Heard,  
Humphreys,  
Lang,  
Little,

Perkins,  
Rawlings,  
Redding,  
Sutton,

Dickerson,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	Moye,	Wight,
Gross,	McLester,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield.
Hand,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Daniel,	King,	Thompson,
Davis,	Mann,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Webb,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	West,
Hodge,	Passmore,	Wood.
Johnson,	Steed,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Terrell,	Mr. President.
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Ayes 25, nays 17.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed by substitute as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

Amend section 1 by adding at the end of line 15, "Provided, when no fall term of any superior court is held then the county commissioners, or if there are no county commissioners, then the ordinary, shall nominate to the judge of the superior court 3 suitable and fit persons with their address, from which the judge shall appoint one assessor."

Amend by striking in 3d line "1st Wednesday in April" and insert "1st Monday in May "

Amend section 2d by adding to line 21 the words, "Provided in no case shall city and town property be assessed

lower for State and county taxation than for municipal taxation."

Amend section 3 by adding after the word valuation in the 7th line the following: "That I will not divulge how any member of the board voted on any question touching the valuation of any property."

Amend by striking all the remainder of said section, beginning with line 25 of the printed bill.

Amend section 4 by striking in the 15th line the word "such" and insert in lieu thereof the word "any," and inserting in said line after the word property the word "unreturned."

Also, amend section 4 by striking out all that portion of section 4 after words "per diem" in line 11 to the words "when such" in line 15.

By adding at the end of section 5 the words, "if in their discretion it is necessary to do so to carry out the intention of this section."

Amend by adding to section 7 the following: "Any member failing to attend the meetings of the board of tax-assessors shall receive no per diem."

Mr. Fouché, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under con-

sideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do not pass:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners for the county of Monroe.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bill, which I am instructed

to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, as amended.

A bill entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues in the county of Glynn, so as to provide for the election of such commissioners by the people, and to increase the number of such commissioners so that each militia district in the county shall have representation on such board, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to repeal an Act to consolidate the office of clerk and treasurer in Columbia county.

Also, a bill to extend the operation of the laws of Georgia, applicable to charitable institutions for the custody of children.

Also, a bill to authorize the mayor and council of Savannah to condemn property for drainage.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Special Judiciary have had under consideration the following House bills, to wit, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill entitled an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues in the county of Columbia, to define their duties and powers, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill entitled an Act to authorize the St. Luke Methodist church, South, of the city of Columbus, Georgia, to create a lien by mortgage deed or otherwise, for the purpose of borrowing money to complete the church building, and for other purposes.

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to change in whole or in part the location of the dam now extending across the Savannah river at the head of the Augusta canal, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to fix the salary of the judge of the county court of Marion county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J F REDDING, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, the following House bill was taken up to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Emanuel—

A bill to provide for the election of County Commissioners of the county of Glynn.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

Amend section 2 as follows: by striking the words "three of whom shall reside in the 26th militia district, and one of whom shall reside in each of the following militia districts in said county, the 25th, 27th, 1499 and 1356," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Four of whom shall reside within the corporate limits of the city of Brunswick, and three of whom shall reside without the corporate limits of said city," and by striking the words "James T. Dent, of the 26th militia district of said county," and by striking the words "J. A. Williamson of the 27th militia district of said county," and inserting in lieu thereof the names of "J. J. Lott and M. Isaac," so that when amended said section shall read as follows: "Be it further enacted, That section 2 of said Act of 1870 be stricken and the following be inserted in its place and stead: "Said Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues shall be composed of seven members, 4 of whom shall reside in the corporate limits of the city of Brunswick and three of whom shall reside without the corporate limits of said city. From and after the passage of this Act, C. D. Ogg, Tobias Newman,

J. J. Lott and M. Isaac of the city of Brunswick, J. L. Foster of the 25th militia district of said county, W. R. Townsend of the 1499th militia district of said county, and Davis Dubberly of the 1356th militia district of said county shall constitute the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of Glynn county. The term of office of said named commissioners shall expire on the first day of January, 1901. On the first Wednesday in October, 1900, on the day of holding election for county officers of said county, and subject to the same rules and regulations prescribed by law for the election of members of the legislature, the successors to the above named commissioners shall be elected. The commissioners elected on the first Wednesday in October, 1900, shall hold office for a term of two years, beginning January 1st, 1901, and their successors shall likewise thereafter be elected on the same day for holding elections for county officers of said county, and for like terms. The commissioners so elected shall be commissioned by the Governor."

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was taken from the table to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Wingfield—

A bill to make more complete the transfer of rent or mortgage notes in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 32, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.



The following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person or persons to make or manufacture fermented intoxicants, and fix punishment for the same.

Referred to the Temperance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Mann—

A bill to fix the compensation of the Solicitor-General of the several judicial circuits of this State.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Fouché—

A bill to provide who may redeem property sold at tax sale.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Little—

A bill to amend sections 1572, 1574, 1576 of the Code of 1895, relative to the sale of fertilizers in this State.

Referred to the Agricultural Committee.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Bynum—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Columbia.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoache—

A bill to authorize the mayor and aldermen of the city of Savannah to condemn certain lands for drainage purposes.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to extend the operation of the laws of Georgia, applicable to charitable and benevolent institutions of this State.

Also,

By Mr. Willingham—

A bill to amend the Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Monroe.

Also,

By Mr. Rogers—

A bill to fix the salary of the judge of the county court of Marion county.

Also,

By Mr. Chappell—

A bill to authorize the St. Luke's Methodist church of the city of Savannah to borrow money to complete that building.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to change in whole or in part the location of the dam across the Savannah river.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Bryan—

A bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to establish a city court in the county of Floyd.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Merritt—

A bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to alter and amend, revise and consolidate the several Acts granting corporate authority to the town of Sparta, approved December 9th, 1893.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Emanuel—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Brunswick, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Messrs. George and Mayson—

A bill to provide for a system of public schools for the town of Clarkston, and provide for a special tax for the maintenance of the same.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Morrison—

A bill to regulate and restrict the various pension laws of Georgia so as to confine the payment of pensions to Confederate soldiers worth less than \$1,000.

Also,

By Mr. Morrison—

A bill to repeal section 397 of the Code of Georgia, volume 3.

Leave of absence was granted Senator Bunn until next Tuesday.

Upon motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Thursday, December 8th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock  
a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Re lding,
Brannen,	King,	Steed,
Clifton,	Lang,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Little,	Terrell,
Davis,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Morrison;	Thrasher,
Dowling,	Moye,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Webb,
Greene,	McLester,	West,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Perkins,	Wood,
Hodge,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Bunn.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

By unanimous consent, the following House bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Everett—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Lumpkin in Stewart county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 33, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed, and was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

Mr. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Education have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act, approved September 14th, 1894, establishing a system of public schools for the town of Washington, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. NESBITT, Chairman.

Mr. Brannen, Chairman of the Railroad Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Railroads instruct me to report that the following bills be recommended to pass:

Senate resolution No. 22 by Mr. West of the 6th district; Senate bill No. 21, by Mr. West of the 6th district; and that Senate bill No. 66 be reported back and read a second time, and recommitted to the Railroad Committee.

And that Mr. Fouché of the 42d district, author of bill No. 63, be allowed to withdraw same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. BRANNEN, Chairman.

Mr. McGehee, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Temperance have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit:

A bill to make it unlawful for any person or persons to make and manufacture fermented intoxicants, and fixing punishment for the same.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. McGEHEE, Chairman.

Mr. Steed, Chairman pro tem. of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under con-

sideration the following Senate bill which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to amend section 5401 of volume 2 of the Code of 1895, relative to the fees of sheriffs, so as to include as costs the amount paid for revenue stamps.

The Committee also recommends the following House bill do pass:

A bill to amend an Act to make permanent the income of the State University, and for other purposes.

The committee also recommends the following Senate resolution do not pass:

A resolution to relieve the Marietta Paper Company from removal of alleged encroachment on the right-of-way of the W and A. R. R.

Respectfully submitted.

W E. STEED, Chairman.

The following Senate bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Agricultural Committee:

By Mr. Little—

A bill to amend sections 1572, 1574 and 1576 of the Code of Georgia, relative to the sale of fertilizers.

The following Senate bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:



By Mr. Steed—

A bill to allow foreign railroad companies to be incorporated under the laws of this State.

The bill was temporarily tabled.

Mr. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Joint Committee, appointed to visit the Girls' Industrial School, the State Normal School and the State University, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Joint Committee, appointed from the Senate and the House of Representatives, under House resolution No. 43, to visit the Girls' Industrial School at Milledgeville, and also the State Normal School and the State University at Athens, beg leave to make the following report:

We were much surprised with the grand work being done for the girls of the State at Milledgeville, and refer to it with both pride and pleasure. The scope and character of the instructions, the home-like influences, thrown around the students, the care and neatness required in the arrangements of the dormitories, the general air of thoroughness, all speak in unmistakable tones of the watchful care of the teachers, who are entrusted with the training of such a large number of the girls of our State, those who are, at no distant day, to take their places in the busy ranks of our modern bread-winners. The plan of industrial education pursued at the institution fills a long-felt want in the training schools of our State.

The buildings, unfortunately, are over-crowded, and many applicants have to be turned away. But for our present financial straits, we would gladly recommend that funds be appropriated for increasing the boarding accommodations.

Some needed repairs are in evidence, and we would recommend that a sum sufficient for the necessities be advanced from the State treasury.

The girl who receives her diploma worthily from the Industrial School at Milledgeville starts out with the assurance that she has the moral, mental and physical training for a life of usefulness. We cannot speak in too high praise of this valuable school.

### THE UNIVERSITY.

At Athens we were shown through the different departments of the University. We were gratified to note the improvement in the general appearance of the buildings on the campus. The last legislature made an appropriation for the erection of a much-needed building for the offices, recitation-rooms and laboratory, and its completion has relieved, to a great extent, the congestion which existed previously. We found the morals of the students good, and the attendance encouraging, when depressed business conditions are considered. The faculty have started a co-operative boarding-house, which enables a student to obtain board at about \$8.00 per month, under conditions which are neat and desirable. Additional dormitories are greatly needed.

The trustees have purchased a most eligible farm near

the city limits, where the student desiring light upon scientific agriculture will have every opportunity afforded him of studying and experimenting along this line. And just here, perhaps a word of explanation may not be amiss. It is not generally understood that the Act of Congress, donating the lands, from which the fund for the Agricultural College is derived, distinctly stipulates that this fund shall only be used for the demonstration of scientific knowledge.

Another rigid condition is, that the funds shall not be invested at an interest of less than five and one-half per cent. Therefore, any effort in the legislature or elsewhere, to divert this money from its proper channel, or to invest it at three and one-half or any other lower per cent. than required by Congress, can but prove futile. Its status is fixed by law, and if we would enjoy its benefits, we must comply with its conditions.

Another misapprehension is, that the University is a heavy expense, yearly, to the State, whereas, the truth is, that the University does not receive one dollar of annual income from the State, but is supported by certain specific bequests, and from the landscript fund from the United States Government. Georgia makes no appropriations to the University, except for the erection of buildings, when absolutely needed. The landscript fund referred to was realized from the sale of 240,000 acres of land donated by the United States Government, and amounts to \$232,000. Of this amount, all except \$90,000 is invested in Georgia State bonds at 7 per cent. The \$90,000 is in the treasury, the State paying the interest at 7 per cent. From

this source, and from the Milledge, Terrell, Brown, and other legacies, the annual income of the University is about \$44,000. That the University has a farm where scientific experiments may be illustrated, is due rather to the careful business management of the trustees, than the liberality of the State. This farm does not belong to the State, but to the University. Nor does the State appropriate one cent toward its maintenance. We make these statements to correct some wrong impressions which have gone abroad, and in justice to an institution which is doing a grand work for the youth of our State, and of which every Georgian should feel justly proud. Here too, more room is needed, but the stringency of the time prevents an application for help.

### THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Here we found the students in their recitation-rooms, undergoing their examinations before the close of the present session. Between five and six hundred students have matriculated during the year just passed. The buildings are in good condition, but not large enough to accommodate the number of young men and young women who are fitting themselves for teachers. The dormitories are comfortable, and the mess hall neat and well conducted. The board, while ample and wholesome, has been reduced to a minimum. The student obtains food, fuel, lights and washing for the very small sum of \$7.00 per month—an amount so small in comparison with the benefits received, as to be almost incredible.

The instruction is of a high order, and offers unsurpassed

opportunities for teachers wishing to thoroughly prepare themselves for their profession.

Altogether, our trip was both encouraging and instructive. Every opportunity and facility was extended us to enable us to investigate every item of income and disbursement as well as every line upon which education is being conducted. We feel that, as a people, we have reason for gratitude, in that our institutions of learning are contributing so much to the general advance of knowledge.

In conclusion, we beg leave to say, that while present general conditions are unsatisfactory, and the clouds over the future are dark and lowering, the minds of our young men and women are being developed along lines, which, if properly directed, will enable them to lift the clouds, and finally to bring our common country into the broad sunlight of renewed prosperity.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. T. NESBITT,

Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate.

J LINDSEY JOHNSON,

Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was taken from the table to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill relative to the net proceeds arising from the inspection of oils and fertilizers in this State.

Mr. Dickerson moved, that the bill be indefinitely postponed, which motion was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the bill was withdrawn.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bills, to wit, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that same do pass:

A bill entitled an Act to provide that the city council of Augusta shall not be required to use its common seal in making and establishing by-laws, rules and ordinances, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill entitled an Act to amend the charter of the town of Sharpsburg in Coweta county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill entitled an Act to authorize the mayor and council of Washington, Georgia, to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000 for the purpose of paying for water-works and an electric plant, and to sewer the streets, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled an Act to provide for the creation of a Board of Commis-

sioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Oconee, and for other purposes.

I am also instructed to report the following House bill back with the recommendation that same do pass as amended:

A bill, entitled an Act to amend the charter of Ocilla in Irwin county, and for other purposes.

I am also instructed to request that the names of Senators Daniel, Heard, and Moye be added to the Committee on Corporations.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

By unanimous consent, Senators Daniel, Heard and Moye were added to the Committee on Corporations.

By unanimous consent, the following House bill was taken up, read the third time to be put on its passage:

By Mr. Willingham—

A bill to amend the Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for Monroe county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 35, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Engrossing Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Enrollment report as duly enrolled and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following Senate bills, to wit:

A bill to provide for the more full and complete transfer and assignment of rent notes and mortgages.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

The following Senate bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to amend section 2636 of the Code of Georgia, which provides a penalty for violation of using the name of a person in a partnership, who is not a member thereof.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

Amend by inserting after the word "permission" in the 6th line the following words, "which permission shall be in writing and witnessed by two persons, one of whom



shall be an officer authorized to witness deeds." Also, amend by adding after the word "permission" in the last line of the bill, the following words: "which permission shall be in writing and witnessed by two persons, one of whom shall be an officer authorized to witness deeds."

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend sections 1778 and 1781 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 105, nays 36.

Also, a bill to amend section 1262 of the Code of Georgia, volume one, of the year 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 94, nays 54.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to provide for and regulate municipal elections in the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 108, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 1250 of volume 1 of the Code of 1895.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 52.

Also, a bill to provide for the registration of voters to vote at the municipal elections in the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Mr. Rawlings, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate to visit the Georgia Sanitarium, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

Your standing Committee on the Georgia State Sanitarium, after a careful investigation of the methods of its present operation and expenditures, and a thorough inspection of the buildings, machinery, livestock, farms and garden, beg leave to report as follows:

The buildings, which are every way ample for present usage, are all in good condition as to repair and sanitation. The grounds and yards carefully and neatly kept, and the drainage good.

The manner in which the apartments for the inmates are kept, and the neat and cleanly condition of the floors and walls of the hallways, and the interior parts of all the buildings show diligent efforts on the part of the present management to keep the buildings in the most perfect state of preservation and sanitation.

An inspection of the machinery showed the pumps and heating apparatus in first class condition. Two of the engines are getting old; though doing good work at present, will have to be replaced with new ones in the near future. We also find two of the boilers from long and constant use, show signs of failure and will shortly have to be replaced.

The ice plant, which the management has recently erected in connection with the institution, is in good condition. The machinery propelling the laundry and planing mill are all in fine condition.

We find the gas plant doing good work and supplying ample quantities of gas for the institution.

All of the above machinery show signs of having been well cared for, clean and neat, location fine, the buildings well kept, and we take occasion to congratulate the management of the institution in securing the service of so competent an engineer, Captain Dessau.

We find that the farm and gardens connected with this institution yield to it annually a great quantity of fresh vegetables, potatoes, fruits, cereals and hay, which are gathered and used as needed, adding much to the necessities as well as the comforts of the inmates thereof, which perhaps could not be had so cheaply otherwise. The dairy department is likewise a blessing to the institution, furnishing to it daily, fresh, and of the finest quality, milk and butter, as well as large quantities of beef as the surplus cattle of the dairy farm are used. There are now at the farm 120 milk cows, 23 calves and 24 heifers. This farm yields to the institution annually large quantities of pork, there being on hand now 242 pork hogs.

We find all other stock, farming tools and farming machinery suitable, modern, and well cared for.

We examined into the finances through a sub-committee from your General Committee, and after a careful and painstaking examination of the various items which go to make up the total expenditures for this institution since

an examination was had by a former committee of the Georgia Legislature, comparing bills, vouchers and receipts, we are able to say that the system of bookkeeping is entirely satisfactory, and the verification which was exhibited showed the work in this department faithfully and honestly performed.

We find that the medical department of the Georgia State Sanitarium, consisting as it does, of Dr. T. O. Powell, superintendent; Dr. J. M. Whitaker, 1st assistant, and Dr. L. M. Jones, Dr. J. C. Patterson, Dr. W. A. O'Daniel, assistant physicians, and Dr. —, Pathologist, are thoroughly competent for their work, courteous and obliging to patients, and diligent in their attentions to the unfortunate inmates who are by distribution assigned to their charge.

We were careful to ascertain the satisfaction given by the physicians there employed, and are pleased to report that their labors have given entire satisfaction, both to the authorities and patients, and feel that their places would be hard to fill.

The Steward's department of this institution was examined also by the sub-committee. The books and accounts and vouchers in this office, so far as time allowed for examination, were found to be correct, and all of the business in said office seemed to be carried on in a systematic business way.

It is through this department that all clothing, bedding, furniture, food, fuel, and feed supplies required for the institution are purchased, and your committee has taken occasion to carefully examine the method in which these con-

tracts are let, to whom and whether or not they had been so let as to not only comply with the law, but to secure to said institution the best business management. In this investigation we have been confronted with certain facts which lead us irresistibly to conclude, that the best business conduct has not been exercised in behalf of said institution.

We find, from evidence submitted to your committee, and admissions by one of the trustees, to wit: A. Joseph of this institution, who receives his compensation as trustee from the State, has been the contractor with said institution for the purchase of almost every article used by said institution, in the way of dry goods for the past two or three years. It is true, that the goods furnished to said institution did not always go by direct purchase from said trustee, but did go through said trustee, either directly or indirectly, and from every purchase so made, said trustee was using his relation to said institution for the purpose of gain and profit, having made large sums of money from said contracts, whether the articles were sold directly by him to said institution, or whether he submitted bids in the name of others, and the purchases made nominally by other parties or not. This trustee frankly admitted to your committee the truth of above statements, claiming that he had a perfect right to do so, notwithstanding, we find the following paragraph in the By-laws, Rules and Regulations adopted by the trustees of the Georgia State Sanitarium, at Milledgeville, Ga., May, 1898, to be found on page 4, section 7:

“No trustee, or any of the officers created by them, shall

be interested directly or indirectly, in any contract or sale of any supplies to the institution."

This trustee claims that no loss has come to this institution by reason of his conduct, but your committee are forced, in justice to themselves and this institution, to declare this conduct improper and not calculated to subserve the best interest of the institution on the part of the trustee. Be it therefore

Resolved, That this committee, in view of the facts developed, recommend the appointment of a joint committee of three (3) from the House and two (2) from the Senate to make a thorough investigation of the management and report at the next session of the legislature.

We desire especially to commend the board of trustees for their effort in securing the extension of the Central railroad into the grounds and to the depot of the Sanitarium.

This will be a great saving in the item of freight to the institution. The State is largely indebted to the trustees for this improvement.

Your committee, after having carefully examined every department of said institution desire to state before concluding this report, that they desire to commend in the highest terms the management generally and in detail of the present superintendent, and to declare in behalf of his eminent ability for the position he occupies.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made:

For support and maintenance of the institution for the year 1899, \$280,000.00.

For support and maintenance of the institution for the year 1900, \$280,000.00.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. RAWLINGS,  
Chairman of Senate Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Redding, the report of the committee on Senate bill No. 2 was disagreed to, and the bill was recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following Senate bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. McGehee— -----

A bill to provide stenographers for the superior and city courts of this State, and to fix their compensation.

Mr. Humphreys called for the previous question, which call was sustained.

The vote was upon the passage of the substitute offered by Mr. McLester, and upon this Mr. McGehee called for the ayes and nays, which call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hodge,	Steed,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Terrell,
Clifton,	King,	Webb,
Davis,	Lang,	Wight,
Greene,	McLester,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Nesbitt,	Wingfield
Heard,	Redding,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Daniel,	Mann,	Rawlings,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Sutton,
Dowling,	Moye,	Thompson,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Thrasher,
Gross,	Odom,	Underwood,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	West,
Humphreys,	Perkins,	Wood.
Little,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Bunn, Mr. President.

Ayes 20. Nays 22.

The substitute not having received the requisite constitutional majority was lost.

Upon the adoption of the substitute of Mr. McGehee, the ayes and nays were called, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	King,	Perkins,
Daniel,	Little,	Rawlings,
Dickerson,	Mann,	Sutton,
Dowling,	Morrison,	Thompson,
Fouche,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Greene,	McGehee,	Underwood,
Gross,	Odom,	Webb,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wood.
Humphreys,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Johnson,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Lang,	West,



Davis,	McLester,	Wight,
Hand,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Heard,	Redding,	Wingfield.
Hodge,	Steed,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Bunn,	Mr. President.
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Ayes 25. Nays 17

The substitute was adopted.

Upon passage of the bill by substitute, as amended, Mr. McGehee called for the ayes and nays, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Daniel,	King,	Rawlings,
Dickerson,	Little,	Sutton,
Dowling,	Mann,	Thompson,
Fouche,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Greene,	Moye,	Underwood,
Gross,	McGehee,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wood.
Humphreys,	Perkins,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Johnson,	Steed,
Brannen,	Lang,	Terrell,
Clifton,	McLester,	Webb,
Davis,	Nesbitt,	West,
Hand,	Odom,	Wight,
Heard,	Redding,	Wingfield.
Hodge,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Bunn,

Mr. President.

Ayes 23. Nays 19.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed by substitute as amended, and the amendments were as follows:

Amend by striking the following words from section 1 of the substitute: "And for any portion of a day, said reporters shall be paid at the rate of ten dollars a day for taking down evidence in criminal cases. Provided, however, that when said reporters shall be engaged in taking down the evidence on any day for a trial less than a half day, they may charge and collect for a half day's work."

Also, amend by striking out the following words from section 3 of said substitute: "Except that the county commissioners, or such other persons as may be in charge of the finances of the county, may audit the accounts of the stenographers to see that they are correct."

Mr. McLester gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate in passing the foregoing bill.

The following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to provide a uniform method of exercising the right of condemning, taking or damaging private property.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

Mr. Perkins, Chairman on the part of the Senate of the joint committee, appointed to visit the School for the Blind, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee appointed on the part of the Senate to visit the School for the Blind at Macon, begs leave to make the following report:

We have examined the disbursements of the funds appropriated by the State to the board of trustees, and find they have made only such expenditures as were necessary and essential to the support and equipment of the institution.

The system of accounts is simple, and at the same time, comprehensive.

In our opinion, the students are receiving proper instructions, care and attention.

We find that the sanitation of the buildings and grounds has received that care and attention that its importance demands, with the exception of the roof on the main building, which needs some repairs. The buildings are in good condition and amply sufficient for the needs of the institution, and the grounds are well kept.

We recommend the appropriation of eighteen thousand (\$18,000.00) dollars for the support of the Blind Asylum, each, for the years 1899 and 1900.

Respectfully submitted.

M. T. PERKINS, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Price—

A bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for Oconee county.

Also,

By Mr. Erwin—

A bill to amend an Act to make permanent the income of the University of Georgia.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to provide that the city council of Augusta shall not be required to use its common seal in making and establishing by-laws.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Sharpsburg in Coweta county.

Also,

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to amend the Act establishing a system of public schools for the town of Washington in Wilkes county.

Also,

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to authorize the mayor and council of Washington to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000.00.

Also,

By Mr. Henderson—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Ocilla in Irwin county.

The following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to require corporations doing a life insurance business in the State of Georgia upon the assessment plan to print on all their policies or benefit certificates, the words: "This contract is issued upon the assessment plan."

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Brandon—

A bill to amend section 1262 of the Code of Georgia, volume 1, 1895, relative to pension of Confederate widows.

Referred to the Pension Committee.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to provide for and regulate municipal elections in the city of Savannah.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Brandon—

A bill to amend section 1250 of volume 1 of the Code of Georgia, providing who pensions shall be paid to.

Referred to the Pension Committee.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to provide for the registration of voters to vote at the municipal election held in the city of Savannah.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Gross on account of sickness.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Friday, December 9th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Redding,
Brannen,	King,	Steed,
Clifton,	Lang,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Little,	Terrell,
Davis,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	Moye,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Webb,
Greene,	McLester,	West,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Perkins,	Wood,
Hodge,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Bunn.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following resolution, to wit:

A resolution, that House bills Nos. 127 and 128, which were yesterday transmitted to the Senate pending a motion to reconsider, be returned by the Senate immediately to the House.

Mr. West moved to reconsider the action of the Senate on yesterday upon the passage of the following bill:

By Mr. McGehee—

A bill to provide stenographers for the city and superior courts of this State, and fix their compensation.

Mr. Humphreys moved to indefinitely postpone the motion to reconsider. The motion was carried.

Mr. Little, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Agriculture have had under con-



sideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend sections 1572, 1574 and 1576 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, the same being sections 2, 4 and 6 of an Act, approved December 27th, 1890, entitled an Act to regulate the sale of fertilizers in this State, to fix a method of determining the value of same, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. LITTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following Senate bills which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to employ a bookkeeper and a stenographer for the Department of Agriculture.

Also, a bill to relieve Solomon Akin's security on the bond of S. S. Sasser.

Also, a bill to relieve John F. Mikell's and Jas. H. Ellis's security on the bond of S. S. Sasser.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

Mr. Wingfield, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate to investigate the Geological Department, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

Your committee, acting under a joint resolution from the House and Senate, providing that a joint committee of three from the House and two from the Senate make a thorough investigation of the Geological Department of Georgia, and report back to the General Assembly, beg to submit the following report:

On November 25, 1898, your committee first met and entered upon the work of this investigation and have been since that time busily and earnestly engaged in the discharge of our duties growing out of said investigation.

In conducting our investigation your committee proceeded directly upon the requirements laid down in the Act creating the Geological Department, and found in the Code of Georgia of 1895, volume 1, sections 1712-1725, which Act we had constantly before us.

We have collected a great mass of evidence and heard many persons talk at length on the subjects under investigation. We are unable at this time to digest this evidence and report the same in detail for the reason that in our de-

sire to make our investigation thorough and complete as directed and required in the joint resolution above named, we have too large a mass of evidence on hand, and the investigation has already occupied so much of our time that it will be impossible, as stated, to make a more detailed report at this time.

We therefore respectfully ask leave to submit our general conclusions at this time instead of said detailed report. And first,

We find, from our said investigation, that the Geological Department is very necessary to the people of Georgia, and in our opinion, should be maintained.

Second. That it is the only way in which the great mineral resources of our State can be developed and advertised to the world.

Third. That directly through said Geological Department, our marbles, gold, and other minerals have already been advertised to the world, and large contracts for the purchase and use of said minerals have been made.

Fourth. That the investment in minerals seems to be on the increase in Georgia.

Fifth. We therefore recommend that the usual appropriation be made to said Geological Department, as we think if said department is abolished or crippled, it will be a serious blow to the mineral resources of Georgia, and a long step backwards.

Your committee further respectfully report, that while we have had Professor Yeates, the present Geologist, before us at each session of our committee, that the facts relating to the administration of his office, and the general discharge

of his official duties are not only very largely matters of scientific and expert knowledge, but it will be absolutely necessary to examine books, records, maps, surveys, and witnesses more fully than we have been able to do. Not being scientists ourselves, we need the testimony of such in this branch of our investigation; and as to a proper consideration of the other evidence referred to, we need more time in order to be thorough in our investigation and fair and just to the head of the department.

We therefore ask, first, that our powers be enlarged so that we may summon witnesses, compel the production of all necessary books and papers.

Second. That we may be given more time to conduct this branch of our investigation with direction and authority to report in detail to his Excellency, the Governor, our findings as to the head of the department, who alone under the Act, has power to deal with him.

Very respectfully submitted.

S. T. WINGFIELD, Chairman

On part of Senate and Chairman joint committee.

The following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to establish a system of public schools in the town of Blue Ridge in the county of Fannin.

Referred to the Educational Committee.

The following Senate resolution was read the first time:

By Mr. Underwood—

A resolution to make thoroughly an investigation of the State Sanitarium.

Referred to the Sanitarium Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Underwood—

A resolution to direct the superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum to deliver William Schwarz to the proper authorities of Chatham county.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

By unanimous consent, Senate bills Nos. 61 and 62 were recommitted to the Finance Committee.

The following House resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Speer—

A resolution to return to the House, House bills Nos. 127 and 128, which were transmitted to the Senate through mistake.

The following House bill was read the third time and put upon its passage:

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to authorize and provide for the preparation and issuance to the banks and banking associations, chartered

by this State, of circulating notes and to fully protect the same.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 1.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

Amend by adding at the end of section 3 the following: "And said bank shall keep in its vaults at all times (in addition to the reserve fund, now required by law), in legal tender notes or specie (25) twenty-five per cent. of its outstanding notes, to insure the prompt redemption of said notes on demand."

Amend section 12 by adding at end thereof, "No banks shall be permitted to avail themselves of the provisions of this Act, except those whose charters conform to all the requirements of this Act."

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the Senate, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act to establish the city court of Albany in and for the county of Dougherty.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendment to House bill No. 133, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta, and for other purposes.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend section 2185 of the Code of Georgia.

Passed. Ayes 89, nays 44.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the counties of Camden, Echols and Thomas, so far as it relates to county of Thomas, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 104, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Harmony Grove, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Thomas, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 122, nays 0.

The House has also adopted the following resolution of the House, and ordered the same immediately transmitted in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution that the General Assembly convene in joint

session in hall of House of Representatives, on December 14th, 1898, at one o'clock p. m. to receive the President of the United States and his party

By unanimous consent, Senate bills Nos. 31 and 63 were withdrawn by their authors.

Senate bill 65 was recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following Senate resolution was read the third time with adverse report from committee:

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A resolution to relieve the Marietta Paper Company from removal of the alleged encroachments on the right-of-way of the W & A. R. R.

The report of committee was agreed to and resolution lost.

Mr. King, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Enrollment report as duly enrolled and ready for the signatures of the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, the following joint resolution, to wit:

A resolution, extending congratulations to Lieutenant



Thomas M. Brumby, who raised the first American flag over Manila.

Respectfully submitted.

C. N. KING, Chairman.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person or persons to make and manufacture fermented intoxicants, and fix a punishment for the same.

Also,

By Mr. West—

A bill appointing commissioners to consent in behalf of the State to the erection of a new union passenger station on the State's property, in the city of Atlanta.

Also,

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to amend section 5401 of volume 2 of the Code of 1895, relative to the fees of sheriffs, so as to include as costs amounts paid for U. S. Revenue stamps.

The following Senate resolutions were read the second time:

By Mr. West—

A resolution to provide for the correction of map No. 6 of the official survey of the W & A. R. R.

Also,

By Mr. West—

A resolution to authorize the Governor to appoint a committee to consider, determine and declare the northern boundary of the State of Georgia.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee report as duly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House the following bill, to wit:

A bill to amend section 2636 of the Code, providing for a penalty for using the name of a person in a partnership who is not a member.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to regulate corporations, companies or associations transacting business of life insurance in this State.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back, with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Waynesboro.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Eastman in Dodge county.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to grant certain property for a passenger depot.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to fix the number necessary to constitute a quorum.

Also, a bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to fix a limit on fines for violation of city ordinances.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Sylvester in Worth county

Also, a bill to provide for condemning private property for telegraph purposes.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate that the same do pass by substitute, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Savannah.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Underwood, on the subcommittee to investigate the Georgia Sanitarium, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

We the undersigned subcommittee, appointed by your body to investigate and report to your body as to whether William Schwarz, Roxie Ann Long are now legally detained in the asylum, and if not, what disposition should be made, or what legislation, if any, is necessary in order to dispose of them.

1. We find that William Schwarz was sent up from Chatham county in July, 1895, having been indicted for murder, and on the call of the case against him he filed his plea, alleging that at the time of the commission of the crime, he was insane, and not of sound mind and memory, and that at the time of trial, he was so afflicted.

2d. We find, that on motion of the Solicitor-General, that that portion of said plea which set up that said William Schwarz was insane at the time of the commission of the crime was stricken, leaving the plea standing charging and alleging his insanity at the time of the trial.

3d. That the jury found in favor of the plea, and in accordance therewith the said William Schwarz was, by the order of the court, confined in the "Lunatic Asylum" of this State.

4th. That he is now, and has been, in said asylum from the time aforesaid, to wit, on or about the 27th of July, 1895.

5th. That at the May term, 1897, the said Roxie Ann

Long was indicted for murder, and on call of the case she through her attorneys at law, filed her special plea, alleging that at the time of the trial she was not of sound mind and memory, and therefore, should not be put upon trial for said charge. That the jury trying said case found in favor of said special plea, whereupon, the presiding judge passed an order committing the said Roxie Ann Long to the Georgia State Sanitarium.

6th. That said William Schwarz and Roxie Ann Long are now of sound mind and memory.

We therefore recommend that such legislation be passed as will authorize the superintendent to deliver him to the proper authorities of Chatham county, that he may be dealt with as the law directs. And that the said Roxie Ann Long be delivered to the proper authorities of Bryan, to be dealt with as the law directs.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. H. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Woodall—

A bill to make it unlawful to manufacture any alcoholic or spirituous liquors in the county of Talbot.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Mayson—

A bill to provide for a new charter for the town of Clarkston in the county of DeKalb.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Henderson—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Ocilla in Irwin county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended.

Amendments strike out "annual" and insert "biennial," and "of each year" and insert "1901 and every two years thereafter" and "one" and insert "two," and "1900" and insert "1901" wherever they occur in the 2d section.

And add to section 5 the following words: "To allow telephone companies to erect a system of telephones."

And strike out of section 6 the words "But shall have no vote, except in case of a tie."

The following Senate bill was taken up and concurred in the House substitute as amended:

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to establish a city court in the city of Albany in and for the county of Dougherty.

The following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Odom—

A bill to create the city of Albany in lieu of the town of Albany

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Senate bills Nos. 58, 59 and 64 were temporarily tabled.

The following Senate bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Little—

A bill to amend sections 1572, 1574 and 1576 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, regulating the sale of fertilizers.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following House bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Ellis—

A bill to provide for and fix the hours of keeping open the polls at precincts in incorporated towns.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to authorize the mayor and aldermen of the city of Newnan to establish and maintain a system of sewers and drains for said city.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to extend the operation of the laws of Georgia, applicable to charitable and benevolent institutions.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.



Also,

By Mr. LaRoache—

A bill to fix the time for the election of all city officers now elected by the council of the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoache—

A bill to authorize the mayor and aldermen of the city of Savannah to condemn property for drainage purposes.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Erwin—

A bill to make permanent the income of the State University, and for other purposes.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 3.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bynum—

A bill to repeal the Act consolidating the office of clerk and treasurer in Columbia county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bynum—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Columbia.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to change in whole or in part the dam across the Savannah river at Augusta.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to amend the Act establishing a system of public schools for the town of Washington.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Sharpsburg in the county of Coweta.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Chappell—

A bill to authorize the St. Luke's Methodist church to borrow money to complete that building in the city of Columbus.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Price—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Oconee.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Rogers—

A bill to fix the salary of the judge of the county court of Macon county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to provide that the city council of Augusta shall not be required to use its common seal in making by-laws.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following Senate bill was read the second time:

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to employ a bookkeeper and stenographer for the Department of Agriculture.

Also,

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to provide a uniform method of exercising the right of condemning and taking or damaging private property in this State.

The following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Odom—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Newton in Burke county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

By unanimous consent, House bill No. 25 was read the second time and recommitted to the General Judiciary, after disagreeing to the report of the committee, which is adverse to the passage of the bill, which is,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Jones of Burke—

A bill to amend section 4 of an Act incorporating the town of Waynesboro in Burke county.

Also,

By Mr. Harrell—

A bill to alter and amend the 20th section of an Act to incorporate the town of Eastman in the county of Dodge.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to exclusively fix, within prescribed limits, all fines and punishments for violation of its ordinances.

Also,

By Mr. Ford—

A bill to incorporate the town of Sylvester in the county of Worth.

Also,

By Mr. McMillan—

A bill to repeal the proviso at the end of section 2 of an Act to extend and define the corporate limits of Savannah.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to grant

and convey so much of the south side of Walker street as may be necessary to construct a depot.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to fix the number of its members to constitute a quorum.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Hardwick—

A resolution convening the General Assembly in joint session at 1 o'clock on December 14th, 1898, to receive the president and his party.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Laine—

A bill to amend the 2185th section of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also,

By Mr. Walker—

A bill to amend sections 1778 and 1781 of the Code of 1895 in regard to stock law in militia districts.

Referred to the Agricultural Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to repeal an Act to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the counties of Camden, Thomas and Echols, so far as the same relates to the county of Thomas.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Messrs. Holder and Hosch—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Harmony Grove in the county of Jackson.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Thomas.

Leave of absence was granted Messrs. Hodge, Gross, Terrell, Johnson, Underwood and Little until Monday.

Leave of absence was also granted the following committee to visit the convict camps: Messrs. Dickerson, Grovenstein, Sutton, Dowling, Long, Passmore and Rawlings.

Upon motion, the Senate adjourned until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.



The Senate met, pursuant to adjournment at 4 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. Terrell, the roll-call was dispensed with.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the State Government, payment of the public debt, and the interest thereon, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 125. Nays 0.

The following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Redding—

A bill to amend paragraph 2 of section 1 of article 2 of the Constitution of this State.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Wingfield, all bills and resolutions that passed the Senate to-day were ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee report as duly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House the following House bills, to wit:

A bill to regulate the fees of court stenographers in this State.

Also, a bill to fix the compensation of committeemen to visit the various institutions of this State.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Chappell of Muscogee—

A bill to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the State Government, and for other purposes, for the years of 1899 and 1900.

Referred to the Appropriations Committee.

300 copies were ordered printed.

Mr. West, Chairman of Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to amend an Act entitled "an Act to alter and amend, revise and consolidate the several Acts, granting corporate authority to the town of Sparta, approved December 9th, 1893, and for other purposes."

Also, a bill to provide for a system of public schools for the town of Clarkston in DeKalb county; to provide by special tax for the maintenance and support of the same, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act, to provide for and regulate municipal elections in the city of Savannah, and for other purposes, approved December 12th, 1893, and amended by an Act, approved December 1st, 1894.

I am also instructed to report that the following House bill do pass, as amended.

A bill to provide for the registration of voters to vote at the municipal elections in the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Fouché, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on General Judiciary have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they in-

struct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A resolution, to authorize and direct the superintendent of the lunatic asylum to deliver Wm. Schwarz to the proper authorities of Chatham county.

Also, a bill to provide who may redeem property sold at tax sale.

The committee have also had under consideration House bill No. 25, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, by substitute, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Messrs. George and Mayson—

A bill to provide for a system of public schools in the town of Clarkston.

Also,

By Mr. Merritt—

A bill to amend and alter and revise the several Acts, granting corporate authority to the town of Sparta.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to repeal an Act, entitled an Act, providing and regulating municipal elections in the city of Savannah.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to provide for the registration of voters at the municipal elections in the city of Savannah.

The following Senate bill was read the second time:

By Mr. Fouché—

A bill to provide who may redeem property sold at tax sale.

Leave of absence was granted Senators Wilcox and McLester until Monday.

Upon motion of Mr. West, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Saturday, December 10th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Brannen, the roll-call was dispensed with.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing, report as duly engrossed and ready for transmission to the House, the following bill, to wit:

A bill to provide for a Board of Tax Equalizers in this State.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

The following Senate resolution was read the second time:

By Mr. Underwood—

A resolution authorizing and directing the superinten-

dent of the lunatic asylum to deliver William Schwarz to the authorities of Chatham county.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Special Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bills, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to create the city of Blakely in lieu of the town of Blakely; to provide a charter for said city, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend an Act incorporating the town of Newton, Baker county; providing a penalty for the non-payment of fines imposed by the mayor or council.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill, providing for the payment of insolvent costs of justices of the peace, notaries public and constables of Hancock county.

Respectfully submitted.

J F REDDING, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act entitled "an Act to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a department of horticulture and pomology, etc., and for the protection of fruitgrowers, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 118. Nays 2.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create a Board of County Commissioners for the county of Union.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

The following House bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed by substitute.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city of Augusta to grant and con-



vey so much of the south side of Walker street to construct a depot, as may be necessary.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to fix the number of its council to constitute a quorum.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. McMillan—

A bill to repeal the proviso at the end of section 2, to define the corporate limits of the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Ford—

A bill to incorporate the town of Sylvester in the county of Worth.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to authorize the city council of Augusta to exclusively fix within its limits, all fines and punishments for violation of its ordinances.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Harrell—

A bill to amend the 20th section of an Act incorporating the town of Eastman in the county of Dodge.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Jones—

A bill to amend section 4 of an Act incorporating the town of Waynesboro in the county of Burke.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Merritt—

A bill to amend, revise and consolidate the several Acts granting corporate authority to the town of Sparta.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Messrs. George and Mayson—

A bill to provide for a system of public schools in the town of Clarkston in the county of DeKalb.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Mr. West gave notice that he would move to reconsider this bill at the proper time.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to provide for and regulate the municipal election in the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. McDonough—

A bill to provide for the registration of voters to vote at municipal elections in the city of Savannah.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended.

Amend, so as to strike out in section 8 the words, "And must show an assessment valuation for taxes on the books of said city of at least \$1,500.00."

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Easterlin—

A bill to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a department of horticulture and pomology for the State of Georgia.

Referred to the Agriculture Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Walker of Union—

A bill to repeal the Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for Union county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Odom—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Newton in the county of Baker.

Also,

By Mr. Odom—

A bill to create the city of Blakely in lieu of the town of Blakely in the county of Early.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on appropriation have had under consideration the following bill, and have instructed me to report the same to the Senate, with the request that the same be read the second time and recommitted to your committee, to wit:

A bill making appropriations for executive, legislative and judicial departments of the State for the years 1899 and 1900.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. BLALOCK, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Smith—

A bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to provide for the payment of insolvent costs of the justice of the peace and notaries public in the county of Hancock.

Also,

By Mr. Chappell—

A bill to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the State for the years 1899 and 1900.

Recommitted to the Appropriation Committee.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. McGehee—

A resolution appointing a committee of five from the Senate and ten from the House to meet and entertain the Alabama Legislature during their stay in the city.

The resolution was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

The committee on the part of the Senate were Messrs. McGehee, Blalock, Terrell, Fouché and Morrison.

Upon motion of Mr. Webb, all bills that passed the Senate to-day, be immediately transmitted to the House.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by the Governor, to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body, in executive session.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

His Excellency, the Governor, has approved and signed the following resolution, to wit:

“A resolution, appointing a committee of ten from the House and five from the Senate, to investigate the condition of the State Treasury and report the same to the General Assembly.”

Also,

“A resolution, extending congratulations to Lieutenant Thomas M. Brumby, the now distinguished Georgian, who raised the first American flag over Manila.”

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under con-

sideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same be read second time and recommitted, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of Harmony Grove.

Also, a bill to repeal the Board of Commissioners of Camden county.

Also, a bill to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Thomas county.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Corporations:

By Messrs. Holder and Hosch—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Harmony Grove in the county of Jackson.

Also,

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Thomas.

Also,

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to repeal the Act providing for a Board of Com-



missioners of Roads and Revenue for the counties of Camden, Thomas and Echols, so far as the same relates to the county of Thomas.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following bill, to wit:

A bill to amend sections 1572, 1574 and 1576 of the Code, regulating the sale of fertilizers in this State.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to levy and collect a tax for the support of the State government, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 138, nays 0.

The following House bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to levy and collect a tax for the support of the State government and public institutions thereof, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same be read the second time and be recommitted, to wit:

A bill, requiring corporations doing a life insurance business in this State, to have printed on all their policies, the words "assessment plan."

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

The following Senate bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Corporations:

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to require corporations doing a life insurance business in the State of Georgia on the assessment plan to have printed on their policies, "This policy is issued on the assessment plan."

Upon motion of Mr. West, the Senate adjourned until Monday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Monday, December 12th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Steed,
Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Lang,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Little,	Thompson,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wood,
Hodge,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,	Redding,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Gross,	Rawlings.
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The Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

Passed. Ayes 107, nays 0.

Also, a bill to regulate and control the sale of spirituous liquors through the medium of dispensaries, located in the several towns of the county of Mitchell, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 105, nays 0.

Also, a bill to establish the city court of Swainsboro in the county of Emanuel, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 105, nays 0.

Also, a bill to fix the time of holding certain courts in the southwestern judicial circuit, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to create a Board of County Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Baldwin, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 105, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Marietta, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to change the manner of selecting the County Commissioners of Brooks county, and for other purposes.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendments to the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to provide and authorize for the issuance to the banks and banking associations, chartered by this State, of circulating notes; to fully protect the same, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend an Act, creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue in the county of Glynn, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend the Act establishing the city court of Albany, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Ocilla in Irwin county, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to create and organize a Board of Tax Assessors for the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to provide for the registration of voters in municipal elections in the city of Savannah, and for other purposes.

The House has also concurred in the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Atlanta.

The House has also passed by substitute, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bill of the Senate, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act establishing the city court of Albany in and for the county of Dougherty, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the Senate, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act creating a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Albany, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 91, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal the Act creating a Board of County Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of the county of Fannin.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 0.

Mr. Davis, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Agriculture have had under consideration House bill No. 156, which I am instructed to report back with the recommendation that it be read the second time and be recommitted to said committee.

Respectfully submitted.

W J DAVIS, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Fouché, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to authorize and permit foreign railroads to become incorporated under the laws of this State.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. West moved to reconsider House bill No. 302, which was passed by the Senate on Saturday. The bill was reconsidered.

A petition from the Confederate veterans of Athens was read.

By unanimous consent, the following Senate bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Pension Committee:

By Mr. West—

A bill to apportion and prorate the pensions of the several Acts of this State.

The following House bill was read the second time and recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee:

By Mr. Emanuel—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Brunswick.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has non-concurred in the Senate amendment to House bill No. 135, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the Home Loan and Banking Company of Atlanta.

The following Senate bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to amend an Act, entitled an Act to provide a uniform method of exercising the right of condemning, taking or damaging private property.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to repeal an Act incorporating the town of Bremen, and creating a new charter for said town.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.



Also, a bill to relieve O. W. Linder, ex-Tax-Collector of Laurens county, B. B. Linder, and others, as securities on said Linder's bond.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the judges of the superior court to grant charters to corporations at Chambers, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to abolish the city court of DeKalb county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to incorporate the town of Iyerly in Chattooga county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to submit to the voters of Troup county the question whether or not spirituous liquors shall be sold in said county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to give Commissioners of Roads and Revenue or county judges the power to lay out or discontinue public roads, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolutions, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution for the relief of George A. Hall and Joel F Thornton, as sureties on the bond of Gene Williams.

Passed. Ayes 88, nays 0.

Also, a resolution relating to the marking of the graves of Southern soldiers who died in Northern prisons.

The following Senate bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to employ a bookkeeper and stenographer for that department when necessary.

The report of the committee was agreed to, which is favorable to the passage of the bill.

Mr. Hand moved to reconsider the action in agreeing to the report of committee, which motion prevailed.

And upon motion of Mr. Webb, the bill was temporarily tabled.

Also,

By Mr. West—

A resolution to authorize the special attorney of the W & A. R. R. to have official map No. 6 of the W & A. R. R. remodeled.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 24,  
nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. West—

A resolution to authorize the Governor to appoint a commission to consider and determine the northern boundary of the State of Georgia.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 26,  
nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Underwood—

A resolution to direct the superintendent of the lunatic asylum to turn Wm. Schwarz over to the authorities of Chatham county.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 23,  
nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Steed—

A bill to authorize foreign railroad companies to become incorporated under the laws of this State.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, the bill was tabled.

Upon motion of Mr. West, 100 copies of the tax bill were ordered printed.

Upon motion of Mr. Hand, the following Senate bill was taken from the table to be put upon its passage.

By Mr. Wight—

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture to employ a bookkeeper and stenographer for the Agricultural Department.

Upon the passage of the bill, Mr. Fouché called for the ayes and nays, which call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	McGehee,	Terrell,
Bunn,	Nesbitt,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Odom,	Webb,
Hand,	Perkins,	West,
Hodge,	Steed,	Wight.
Little,	Sutton,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Humphreys,	Passmore,
Daniel,	Johnson,	Redding,

Dowling,	King,	Underwood,
Fouche,	Lang,	Wood.
Grovenstein,	Mann,	
Heard,	Moye,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Morrison,	Wilcox,
Davis,	McLester,	Wingfield,
Greene,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Gross,	Thompson,	

Ayes 17, nays 16.

The bill not having received the requisite constitutional majority was lost.

Also,

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to amend section 5401 of the Code of Georgia relative to the paying for United States revenue stamps by the sheriffs.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to make it unlawful for any person or persons to make and manufacture fermented intoxicants, and fixing punishment for the same.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 24, nays 5.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, by striking out in third line the words "make and." Also, by adding the words "Domestic wines" after the word "liquor" in section 1.

Also,

By Mr. Fouché—

A bill to provide who may redeem property sold at tax sale, and for other purposes.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 24, nays 2.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended, and the amendments are as follows:

By striking out the words "property of any kind" in the third line of section 1 and insert in lieu thereof the words "real estate." 2d. Insert after the word "redeemed" in the fourth line of section 1 the words "at any time within twelve months after the sale." 3d. Strike out of the caption the word "property" and insert in lieu thereof the words "real estate."

The bill was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

Also,

By Mr. Smith—

A bill to repeal the Act providing for the payment of

the insolvent costs of the justice of the peace, notaries public and constables of Hancock county.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Mr. King, Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee report as duly enrolled and signed by President of the Senate and Speaker of the House and delivered to the Governor, the following Act, to wit:

An Act, incorporating the city of Cedartown in the county of Polk.

Also, an Act to repeal an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Fannin county.

Respectfully submitted.

C. N. KING, Chairman.

Mr. Brannen, Chairman of the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Railroads instruct me to report Sen-

ate bill No. 66 by Mr. West of the 6th District, with recommendation that the same do pass.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. BRANNEN, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bills, which they report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of Harmony Grove.

Also, a bill fixing the boundary line between the State of Georgia and South Carolina, making it the northern boundary of the city of Augusta.

Also, a bill to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Thomas county.

Also, a bill to repeal a Board of Commissioners of Camden county.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Hand gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate in defeating Senate bill No. 19.



By unanimous consent Mr. Wingfield was added to the Committee on Appropriations.

House bill No. 302 that was reconsidered this morning passed—ayes 24, nays 0—as amended, which amendments are as follows:

By striking out the words beginning with the following words: “To pay an incidental fee” in the thirteenth line of the thirteenth section down to the words “all such” in same section, line 25, and substitute in lieu thereof the following words: “And children living outside the limits of said town, to pay an incidental fee, during any term of said school outside of the time when the free schools are taught, not exceeding fifty cents per month, and said Board may require children living outside of the limits of said town to pay tuition, except for any during the free school terms.”

Also,

By Mr. Odom—

A bill to create the city of Blakely in lieu of the town of Blakely in the county of Early.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. West—

A bill appointing commissioners to consent in behalf of

the State, to the erection of a new passenger depot to be located on the State's property in the city of Atlanta.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Mr. Brannen moved to recede from its amendments to House bill No. 135.

Mr. Wingfield moved as a substitute that the Senate insist on its amendment to this bill, which motion prevailed.

Also,

By Mr. Odom—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Newton in the county of Baker.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following House bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Barwick—

A bill to establish the city court of Swainsboro in the county of Emanuel, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Esterlin—

A bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a Department of Horticulture and Pomology for this State.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to levy and collect a tax for the support and maintenance of the State government of the State of Georgia for the years 1899 and 1900.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Tracy—

A bill to fix the time of holding certain courts in the Southwestern Judicial Circuit.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Wade—

A bill to change the manner of selecting the County Commissioners of Brooks county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Marietta in the county of Cobb.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Also,

By Mr. Bennett—

A bill to regulate and control the sale of spirituous liquors through the medium of dispensaries located in the several towns of Mitchell county.

Referred to the Temperance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Rudicil—

A bill to amend the Act to incorporate the town of Lyerly in Chattooga county.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Post—

A bill to authorize the judges of the superior courts to grant charters to corporations at Chambers, in certain cases.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Tatum—

A bill to amend the Act to give to the county commissioners and county judges the right to lay out and discontinue roads.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Messrs. Mayson and George—

A bill to abolish the city court of DeKalb, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Griffin—

A bill to repeal the Act incorporating the town of Bremen, and enact a new one for said town.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Stubbs—

A bill to relieve O. W. Linder, ex-Tax-Collector of Laurens county, and B. B. Lenders et al., as securities on said Linder's bond.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Park—

A bill to submit to the qualified voters of Troup county whether or not spirituous liquors shall be sold in said county.

Referred to the Special Judicial Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Allen—

A bill to amend the Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Baldwin.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also, the following resolutions of the House were read the first time:

By Mr. Griffin—

A resolution for the relief of George C. Hall and Joel T. Thornton as sureties on the bond of Gene Williams.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution in regard to the marking of the graves of Southern soldiers who died in Northern military prisons, and for other purposes.

Referred to the State of the Republic Committee.

The following Senate resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Brannen—

A resolution, That on and after to-morrow the privileges of the Chamber shall be extended only to members of the House, State officials and newspaper reporters, except by special permission, and the doorkeepers are required to enforce this rule. The privileges of the floor are also extended to ex-members of the House and Senate.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to fix the boundary line between the States of Georgia and South Carolina.

The following House bills were read the third time and passed:

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to repeal the Act creating a Board of County Commissioners for the counties of Camden, Thomas and Echols so far as the same relates to the county of Thomas.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Mitchell—

A bill to provide for a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Thomas.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Messrs. Holder and Hosch—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Harmony Grove in the county of Jackson.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Upon motion of Mr. King, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Tuesday, December 13th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Steed, the roll-call was dispensed with.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Terrell gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate on defeating Senate bill No. 19.

Mr. Steed moved to reconsider the action of the Senate on yesterday in insisting on its amendments to House bill No. 135, which motion was lost.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in Executive session.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to establish a system of Public Schools for the city of Tifton in the county of Berrien.

Passed. Ayes 109, nays 0.

Also a bill to limit and regulate the payment of insolvent cost of the sheriff of Richmond county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

Also a bill to amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the counties of Spalding and Butts.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Dade.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to provide a new charter incorporating the town of Tennille in Washington county.

Passed. Ayes 94, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the judges of the superior courts to fill vacancies in the office of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue in certain instances, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

A bill to repeal an Act to authorize Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of Newton county, to establish dispensary, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Washington.

Passed. Ayes 90, nays 0.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Butts, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous liquors in Butts county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 90, nays 0.

Also, a bill to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous liquors in Newton county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to limit and regulate the payment of insolvent costs of the clerk of the superior court of Richmond county.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to establish a new charter for the town of Leesburg in the county of Lee.

Passed. Ayes 128, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act approved December 18th, 1897, providing for admission to the bar, etc., and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 111, nays 8.

Also, a bill to amend section 98 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 91, nays 0.

Also, a bill to give county boards of education full power to regulate the public school terms, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 115, nays 1.

Also, a bill to establish a State Board of Embalming, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 88, nays 3.

The House has also concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution, appointing a committee of five from the Senate and ten from the House to welcome the General Assembly of Alabama to the city of Atlanta.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution, to provide for bringing up the unfinished business of the session.

Mr. Hand moved to reconsider the action of the Senate on yesterday in defeating Senate bill No. 19, which motion was lost.

By unanimous consent, Mr. Mann was added to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to establish the city court of Swainesboro.

Also, a bill to amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners and county judges in State, approved December 24, 1896.

Also, a bill to abolish the city court of DeKalb county

Also, a bill to relieve O. W. Linder, ex-Tax-Collector of Laurens county

The following bill of the House do not pass:

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Washington.

Also, the following bills do pass:

A bill to fix the time of holding courts in the Southwestern circuit.

Also, a bill to change the manner of electing county commissioners of Brooks county.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Baldwin county.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Education have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Marietta.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. NESBITT, Chairman.

Mr. Fouché, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass:

A bill to amend paragraph 2 of section 1 of article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

The committee also recommends that the following House resolution do pass:

A resolution for the relief of George A. Hall and Joel F. Thornton as sureties on the bond of Gene Williams.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Fouché, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on General Judiciary have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend paragraph 7 of section 107 of the Code of 1895.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Little, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Agriculture have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit:

A bill to amend section 1 of an Act entitled an Act to prescribe three grades of complete commercial fertilizers, for the branding of same upon each sack or package thereof, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. LITTLE, Chairman.

Mr. Hand, Chairman on the part of the Senate committee to investigate the controversy between Dr. Payne and Hon. O. B. Stevens, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Joint Committee appointed under resolution No. 52 to investigate the controversy between Dr. Payne, ex-State Chemist, and Hon. O. B. Stevens, the Commissioner of



Agriculture, with reference to possession of chemicals and apparatus in the State Laboratory, and the expenditure of appropriations made by the State Chemist since 1891 to the present time, beg leave to submit the following report, to wit:

We find that the law under which the office of State Chemist was created, to be in the Acts of 1877, Folio 38, as follows:

Section 111. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint an experienced and competent chemist to analyze all fertilizers, or chemicals for manufacturing the same, offered for sale or distribution in this State, and make such other analyses as may be required by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The said chemist shall take and subscribe, before some officer duly authorized to administer the same, an oath, faithfully and impartially to perform all the duties which may be required of him under the provision of this Act; which oath shall be filed in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture. His salary shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, which shall be full compensation for all duties which may be required of him under this Act, including the rent of laboratory and of apparatus, and cost of chemicals.

In pursuance of this law, Dr. G. F. Payne was duly appointed State Chemist on November 10th, 1890, and immediately went into the discharge of his duties.

On December 20th, 1890, a special appropriation of \$498 was made to defray the cost of putting in plumbing,

flooring, shelving and furniture in the office of the State Chemist in the State Capitol. (See Acts 1890-91, page 532.)

On September 16th, 1891, an Act was approved appropriating \$3,471.76 for the purpose of reimbursing Dr. Geo. F. Payne, State Chemist, for moneys expended by him in supplying materials, apparatus, and employing assistants. The expenditure of above money represents a portion of the property in controversy according to evidence adduced before the committee. Since which appropriation, there has been made, in addition to his salary, and that of his two assistant chemists, an appropriation of \$1,000 per annum, for replenishing chemicals and apparatus, amounting to \$6,000, all of which has been drawn from the Treasury by Dr. Payne, with the exception of \$43.55, which was left unexpended in the Treasury on October 26th, 1898, the date of his retirement from office, and these chemicals and apparatus, under the terms of the law creating the office of State Chemist, he was required to furnish to the State at his own cost.

From this it appears that Dr. Payne, during his administration, has had appropriated to him by the legislature, and has drawn and expended from the State Treasury, for furnishing chemicals and apparatus, the sum of \$7,716.21; and from the evidence of competent witnesses, the annual amount necessary to expend for chemicals during his administration should not exceed \$500 per annum, which would leave for purchase of permanent apparatus \$3,716.21.

From an inventory of all the chemicals, apparatus and

furniture taken by the present Commissioner of Agriculture when he took charge of the laboratory, we find the same valued at \$2,127.55, which would leave chemicals and apparatus unaccounted for, amounting to \$1,588.66.

Your committee has been unable to secure invoices covering all the apparatus and chemicals purchased by Dr. Payne for the laboratory during his administration, many of these invoices being missing from the books and papers turned over by Dr. Payne to the Commissioner of Agriculture, which makes the records incomplete; but from the few vouchers now accessible to us we find invoices for apparatus as having been paid for by State appropriation and included in Dr. Payne's reports to the Governor, amounting to \$634.73, which apparatus, according to sworn testimony, is not now, nor has it ever been in the State's Laboratory. We present a list of these items in Exhibit "A," as follows:

### EXHIBIT "A"

October 11, 1892, Box mineral specimens, freight and drayage.	. \$ 33 97
September 15, 1893, Microscopic instruments.	80 28
September 23, 1893, Microscopic instruments.	96 20
October 25, 1893, Microscopic instruments.	14 50
November 13, 1893, Microscopic instruments.	1 36
December 5, 1893, Microscopic instruments.	3 96
April 24, 1895, Fountain pen.	2 75
May 11, 1895, to February 24, 1897, Chemical books.	109 50
October 1, 1896, Rent of typewriter	40 00

February 1, 1897, Rent of typewriter	5 00
March 1, 1897, Rent of typewriter	5 00
November 17, 1897, Platinum.	18 01
January 12, 1898, Platinum.	69 64
January 12, 1898, Platinum.	48 00
January 25, 1898, Platinum.	3 04
February 17, 1898, Atlanta city directory	5 00
April 21, 1898, Platinum.	50 24
April 21, 1898, Platinum.	25 28
May 13, 1898, Platinum.	6 00
September 29, 1898, Fielder & Mower, repairs to typewriter.	7 00
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It was established before us by sworn testimony that about five one-horse dray loads of chemicals and apparatus were removed from the basement of the Capitol by Dr. Payne just previous to the taking of the inventory as above referred to. These goods were removed at night after the officials of the Agricultural and Chemical Departments had gone home, and without the use of lights in the storage-room. A portion of these goods were delivered at the residence of Dr. Payne in Atlanta, and the balance was carried to the Atlanta Medical College.

We approve the course taken by the Commissioner of Agriculture in retaining possession of all the chemicals, apparatus, etc., found in the laboratory, believing as we do, from the above facts and the law in the case, that the State has a good title to the property. It is a source of great regret to this committee, that we were unable to secure the

presence and cooperation of Dr. Payne in the investigation of this matter. He was assured by the committee that they desired and intended to make a full and impartial investigation, and in order to do this, he was earnestly requested by members of the committee to attend their meetings and give them the benefit of such information as he possessed and to present fully his side of the contention. Your committee offered to subpoena all witnesses that Dr. Payne desired, and invited his attorney to be present to assist him in presenting and conducting his side of the contention. Dr. Payne declined to come before the committee or to have anything to do with the investigation. Hence, the committee were powerless to get such facts and information as Dr. Payne alone possessed, and were compelled to proceed with the investigation without his help or co-operation. We regret exceedingly that, for reasons that must have been satisfactory to himself, Dr. Payne saw fit to withhold from us such facts and information as would have been helpful, and which we believed were in his possession.

In view of the fact that he has applied to the courts for the adjudication of this matter, we recommend that the Attorney-General be supplied with a copy of this report and the evidence for use by him in behalf of the State.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. HAND,  
J. H. McGEHEE,  
For the Senate.

C. H. JORDAN, Chairman,  
R. W. EVERETT,  
WM. HARRISON,

On part of the House.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following Senate bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass as amended, to wit:

A bill requiring life insurance companies doing business on the assessment plan to print same on face of their policies.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Lyerly in Chattooga county.

Also, a bill to provide a new charter for the town of Bremen in Haralson county.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. McGehee, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Temperance have had under consid-

eration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to regulate and control the sale of spirituous liquors through the medium of dispensaries located in the several towns of the county of Mitchell, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. McGEHEE, Chairman.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do not pass, to wit:

A bill to amend section 2185 of the Code of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. BLALOCK, Chairman.

*Mr. President:*

We, the undersigned members of the Appropriation Committee, regret that we cannot agree with the majority

of said committee, and therefore beg to submit a minority report on House bill No. 47.

We think twenty-five hundred dollars is not in keeping with salaries paid other State officials, and not in accordance with the depressed conditions of the business and Agricultural interests of the State, and for these and other reasons, we think that two thousand dollars, as provided for in said bill, is amply sufficient for the services rendered, and hence said bill ought to pass.

WM. E. MANN,  
W J. WEBB,  
R. J. MOYE.

Mr. G. C. Daniel, Chairman pro tem. of the Sanitarium Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Sanitarium have had under consideration the following Senate resolution, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A resolution to more thoroughly investigate the State Sanitarium, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. C. DANIEL, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Engrossing Committee, submitted the following report:



*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing report as duly engrossed and ready to deliver to the House the following bills:

A bill to amend section 5401 of the Code.

Also, a bill to regulate the sale and manufacture of fermented intoxicants.

Also, a bill appointing a commission looking to the erection of a new passenger depot in Atlanta.

Also, a bill providing who shall redeem property sold at tax sales.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Newton in Baker county.

Also, a bill to create the city of Blakely.

Also, a bill to condemn private property for public uses.

Also, the following resolutions:

A resolution providing for the correction of certain maps of the W & A. R. R.

Also, a resolution directing the superintendent of the asylum to return William Schwarz to Chatham county.

Also, a resolution concerning the boundary lines between Georgia and Tennessee and North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

The following Senate bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Brannen—

A bill to require all corporations doing a life insurance business in this State on the assessment plan, to have printed on their policies these words: "This policy is issued on the assessment plan."

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended.

The following Senate bill was read the second time:

By Mr. Redding—

A bill to amend paragraph 2 of section 1 of article 2 of the Constitution.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. McCranie—

A bill to establish a system of public schools for the city of Tifton in the county of Berrien.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to amend the Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Spalding.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to establish a new charter for the town of Leesburg in the county of Lee.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to limit and regulate the payment of insolvent costs of the sheriff of Richmond county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Wooten—

A bill to authorize the judges of the superior courts to fill vacancies in the office of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue in certain instances.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to regulate and limit the pay of insolvent costs to the clerk of the city court of Richmond county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Pace—

A bill to authorize the Commissioners of Roads and Revenue of Newton county to establish a dispensary.

Referred to the Temperance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Pace—

A bill to prohibit the manufacture of any spirituous or malt liquors except domestic wines in the county of Newton.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Hardwick—

A bill to provide for a new charter for the town of Tennille in the county of Washington.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Tatum—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Dade.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Messrs. Henderson and Hardwick—

A bill to amend the Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Washington.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous liquors in the county of Butts.

Referred to the Temperance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Butts.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to establish a State Board of Embalming, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Hygiene and Sanitation Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Hamby—

A bill to give the County Boards of Education of the several counties of this State power to regulate the school terms.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to amend section 98 of the Code of 1895, volume 1, which fixes the terms of county officers.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. McLaughlin—

A bill to amend the Act approved December 18th, 1897, relative to the admission to the bar.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following House bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide three grades of fertilizers in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 1.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed, as amended.

Amend by adding at the end of said section 1 the following: "Provided, that this Act shall not be construed as applying to cottonseed meal, German kainit, muriated sulphate of potash, and that said Act shall not go into effect until the first day of August, 1899."

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to fix the boundary line between the State of Georgia and the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended.

Amend the caption by striking out the word "fix" in line one, and substituting in lieu thereof the word "make" and by striking out the word "as" in line 5.

The following Senate bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to amend paragraph 7 of section 107 of the Code of 1895.

Also, the following resolution

By Mr. Underwood—

A resolution to make a thorough investigation of the Georgia Sanitarium, and for other purposes.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution for the refunding of certain moneys paid to the tax-collector of Greene county by Chas. J. Dougherty.

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following Bills of the House, to wit:

A bill for the protection of labels, trade-marks, etc.

Passed. Ayes 88, nays 1.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for Douglas county.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend sections 5315 and 5316 of the Code of 1895.

Passed. Ayes 97, nays 0.



Also, a bill to provide for the maintenance and support of the Prison Commission of the State of Georgia, for the year 1899.

Passed. Ayes 97, nays 1.

Also, a bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the bank of the University of Athens.

Passed. Ayes 113, nays 0.

Also, a bill to alter and amend an Act to establish the city court of Gwinnett, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 111, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 5315 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

Also, a bill to take out and exclude from the village of Summerville in the county of Richmond the lands of Mrs. M. B. Wright, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to prohibit the sale of wine within two miles of the courthouse in the town of Alpharetta, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 102, nays 0.

Also, a bill to pay off and retire bonds of the State of Georgia by levy and collection of tax, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 89, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Jackson.

Passed. Ayes 91, nays 0.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolutions of the House in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to authorize the Governor to borrow money to supply casual deficiencies, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a resolution to provide for the payment of two extra assistant doorkeepers for the House of Representatives for the session of 1898.

Passed. Ayes 90, nays 4.

The following House bill was read the second time with adverse report from the committee:

By Mr. Lane—

A bill to amend section 2185 of the Code of Georgia, relative to the salaries of the Railroad Commissioners of Georgia.

Mr. Hand moved to agree to the report of the committee.

Mr. Blalock called for the previous question.

Upon the agreeing to the report of the committee, Mr. Wood called for the ayes and nays, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hand,	Odom,
Brannen,	Hodge,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Humphreys,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Johnson,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Lang,	West,
Fouche,	McLester,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wingfield.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Daniel,	Little,	Redding,
Davis,	Mann,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Gross,	McGehee,	Wilcox,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wood.
King,	Rawlings,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Greene,	Perkins,	Thompson,
Morrison,	Steed,	Mr. President.

Ayes, 21; Nays, 17

The report of the committee was agreed to and bill lost.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to be entitled an Act to fix the terms of office of county solicitors of Pulaski county.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act regulating the payment of fees to attorneys and receivers.

Passed. Ayes 88, nays 1.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to direct the superintendent of the lunatic asylum to deliver Ann Long to the authorities of Bryan county.

Passed. Ayes 106, nays 0.

Upon motion of Mr. Blalock the session was extended until the business on the clerk's desk was disposed of.

The following Senate bill was read the third time with adverse report from the committee, and the report had been disagreed to.

By Mr. Humphreys—

A bill to amend section 2195 of volume 2 of the Code relative to the construction of depots in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill Mr. Humphreys called for the ayes and nays, which call was sustained, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Lang,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	Moye,	Underwood,
Gross,	McGehee,	Webb,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Redding,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Sutton,	Wood.
Humphreys,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hodge,	Rawlings,
Bunn,	King,	Steed,
Clifton,	McLester,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Nesbitt,	West,
Davis,	Odom,	Wight.
Dowling,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Dickerson,	Little,	Perkins,
Greene,	Mann,	Thompson,
Johnson,	Morrison,	Mr. President.

Ayes, 19; Nays, 16.

The bill not having received the requisite constitutional majority was lost.

Mr. Humphreys gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate in defeating Senate bill No. 7

The following Senate bill was read the first time:

By Mr. Terrell—

A bill to authorize the mayor and city council of the city of Douglasville to establish a dispensary in said town.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Hutchins—

A bill to alter and amend the Act establishing the city court of Gwinnett in and for the county of Gwinnett.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to take out and exclude from the village of Summerville the lands of Mrs. M. B. Wright.

Referred to Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Jordan—

A bill to fix the terms of office of county solicitors of Pulaski county.

Referred to General Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Little gave notice that at the proper time he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate in defeating House bill No. 47.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Jackson in the county of Butts.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Bass—

A bill to establish the city court of Clarksville in Habersham county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Stone—

A bill to provide for the maintenance and support of the prison commission of the State of Georgia.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also,

By Mr. Hall—

A bill to amend sections 5315 and 5316 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend the 5315th section of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Simpson—

A bill to prohibit the sale of wines within two miles of the courthouse in the town of Alpharetta in the county of Milton.

Referred to the Temperance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Erwin—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the bank of the University at Athens.

Also,

By Mr. Anderson—

A resolution to direct the superintendent of the lunatic asylum to turn over Roxie Ann Long to the authorities of Bryan county.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.



Also,

By Mr. Hathcock—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Douglas.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. McLaughlin—

A bill to regulate the payment of fees to attorneys and receivers, etc., and for other purposes.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Griffin—

A resolution to refund to Chas. J. Dougherty of Greene county, Ga., the sum of one hundred dollars, paid by him to the tax-collector of Greene county

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A resolution to authorize the Governor to borrow money to supply casual deficiencies, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By Mr. Chappell—

A resolution to provide for the payment of two extra assistant doorkeepers for the House of Representatives.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to pay off and retire bonds of the State as they mature, in accordance with the law.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Brandon—

A bill for the protection of labels, trade-marks, etc., and for other purposes.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. Barwick—

A bill to establish the city court of Swainesboro in the county of Emanuel.

Also,

By Mr. Allen—

A bill to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Baldwin.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

Also,

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Marietta in the county of Cobb.

Also,

By Messrs. Mayson and George—

A bill to abolish the city court of DeKalb.

Also,

By Mr. Bennett—

A bill to regulate and control the sale of spirituous liquors in the county of Mitchell through the medium of dispensary.

Also,

By Mr. Rudicil—

A bill to amend an Act incorporating the town of Lyerly in Chattooga county.

Also,

By Mr. Stubbs—

A bill to relieve O. W. Linder, ex-tax-collector of

Laurens county, and B. B. Linder, et al., as securities on said Linder's bond.

Also,

By Mr. Wade—

A bill to change the manner of selecting the county commissioners of Brooks county.

Also,

By Mr. Tracy—

A bill to fix the time of holding certain courts in the Southwestern Judicial Circuit.

Also,

By Mr. Griffin—

A bill to repeal the Act incorporating the town of Bremen and create a new one for said town.

Also,

By Mr. Tatum—

A bill to give Commissioners of Roads and Revenue or county court judges the power to lay out and discontinue roads.

Also,

By Mr. Griffin—

A resolution for the relief of George A. Hall and Joel F. Thornton as securities on the bond of Gene Williams.

The following House bill was read the second time with adverse report from committee:

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Washington, Ga.

Report of the committee was agreed to and bill was lost.

Upon motion of Mr. Daniel, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Wednesday, December 14th, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll, the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Steed,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Sutton,
Bunn,	King,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Lang,	Thompson,
Daniel,	Little,	Thrasher,
Davis,	Mann,	Underwood,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Webb,
Dowling,	Moye,	West,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Wight,

Greene,	McLester,	Wilcox,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wingfield,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wood,
Hand,	Passmore,	Mr. President.
Heard,	Rawlings,	
Hodge,	Redding,	

Those absent were Messrs.—

Perkins.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, through Mr. Hitch, his Secretary, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by his Excellency, the Governor, to deliver to the Senate a communication in writing.

The following communication was received from his Excellency, the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit:

*Mr. President:*

His Excellency, the Governor, has this day approved and signed the following Acts, to wit:

An Act, to repeal an Act creating a board of county commissioners of Fannin county, and for other purposes.

Also, “an Act re-incorporating the city of Cedartown in the county of Polk, and for other purposes.”

Mr. Humphreys moved to reconsider the action of the Senate on yesterday in defeating Senate bill No. 7, which motion was carried.

Mr. Little moved to reconsider the action of the Senate on yesterday in defeating House bill No. 47, which motion was lost.

Upon motion, Senate bill No. 7 was tabled.

Mr. Little, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation request that House bill No. 217 be read second time and recommitted to the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation.

Respectfully submitted.

G. C. DANIEL, Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Appropriations request that House bill No. 353 and House resolution No. 49 be read second time and recommitted to Committee on Appropriations.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following reports:

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit:

A bill to establish a new charter for the town of Leesburg.

Also a bill to limit the insolvent cost of the Sheriff of Richmond county.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners for Dade county.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Tennille.

Also, a bill to create a Board of Commissioners for Butts county.

Also, a bill to regulate the pay insolvent cost of the clerk of the city court of Richmond county.

Also, a bill to amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Washington county.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to submit to the qualified bodies of Troup county the question whether or not spirituous and intoxicating liquors shall be sold in said county, so far as the same relates to the town of West Point, and for other purposes.



Also, a bill entitled an Act to amend an Act approved December 18th, 1897, providing for admission to the bar, etc., and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to authorize the judges of the superior courts to fill vacancies in the office of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues in certain instances, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill for the protection of labels, trade-marks, etc., and for other purposes.

Also, a bill entitled an Act to prohibit the manufacture of any spirituous, malt or intoxicating liquors except domestic wines, in the county of Newton, and for other purposes.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that they do not pass:

A bill to repeal so much and such parts of an Act, approved August 20th, 1872, entitled an Act to provide for the payment of certain insolvent costs in the northern judicial circuit, and for other purposes, as relates to the county of Hancock.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of certain insolvent criminal costs in the northern judicial circuit, so far as the same relates to the county of Hancock.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. Fouché, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee has had under consideration the following bills of the House which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass.

A bill to amend section 5315 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to fix the terms of office of the county solicitor of Pulaski county.

Also, the following resolution of the House, which it recommends do pass:

A resolution, authorizing the superintendent of the lunatic asylum to turn over to the authorities of Bryan county Roxie Ann Long.

The committee also recommends the following Senate bill do pass, as amended:

A bill to amend the charter of the Capital City Bank.

The committee also recommends the following House bills be read second time and recommitted to this committee:

A bill to authorize the judges of the superior courts to grant charters to corporations at Chambers.

A bill to amend sections 5315 and 5316 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to regulate the payment of fees to attorneys and receivers, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHE, Chairman.

Mr. Wight, chairman of the joint committee of the Senate and House to examine the treasury, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Joint Committee of the Senate and House, appointed to investigate the condition of the Treasury, and to acquaint their respective bodies with the result of such investigation, beg leave to submit herewith the following statements as comprising the information ascertained by reason of the examination made by Ralph H. Brown, an expert accountant, engaged under the authority of a Joint Resolution passed by both Houses, under date of November 29th, 1898, and working under the direction of the Joint Committee of Investigation.

It was first determined by your committee to ascertain the condition of the Treasury on the 30th day of November, and to estimate from that starting point the probable showing of resources and liabilities on the first of January, 1899. That examination resulted in the following statement of estimated results:

## RESOURCES.

Cash on hand on 30th November, 1898--\$	374,283 75
Estimated tax receipts for December, 1898.	1,121,032 36
Estimated taxes uncollected Jan. 1, 1899--	1,495,688 67
Total -----	<u>\$2,991,004 78</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Liabilities from 1st December, '98, to 1st	
January, '99 -----	\$1,811,317 20
Estimated balance on January 1st, 1899--	1,179,687 58
Total -----	<u>\$2,991,004 78</u>

These aggregate results are given more in detail in the itemized statement given herewith.

There is in the statement ending January 1st, 1899, a legal liability for the item of public debt, \$505,358.25, but against which there are outstanding obligations amounting to about \$283,000, as follows: \$100,000 sinking fund, \$168,000 interest and \$15,000 unpaid bonds and coupons; the consequent difference would increase the estimated balance of resources from \$1,179,687.58 to \$1,402,045.83, so that if it should be deemed best a re-appropriation obtained would make possible, a corresponding deduction in the item of public debt for 1899. By this action this excessive liability, the growth of many years, would be finally settled.

When the January, 1899, estimate was made your committee concluded that it would be well to have a similar detailed estimate of the probable results which would

show on the 1st July, 1899, the 1st of October, 1899, and the 1st January, 1900. Such estimates are given later in the report, and we commend them to your careful consideration.

Accompanying this report will be filed certain memoranda and explanations from Mr Brown, which will explain the method by which he arrived at his conclusions. He embodies in his report certain recommendations and suggestions which we cannot but approve. They are as follows :

#### CIVIL ESTABLISHMENT BOOK.

It should have a special column for cancellation stamp.

#### SPECIAL LOANS.

While doubtless necessary, they tend to impair the continuous audit of the Treasurer by the Comptroller-General.

#### BONDS AND COUPONS.

After payment and due record, they should be destroyed in the presence of designated witnesses.

#### STATE DEPOSITORIES.

A uniform blank should be furnished and filled out over signature, and this blank should be made to the Treasurer of the State of Georgia; an improvement in the Treasurer's office would be the keeping of a daily balance book, which invariably is kept in a modern bank.

Of course the results predicted at the expiration of the period given are mere estimates, but they are entitled to

consideration, because being based on the new appropriation and tax bills and in comparison with several preceding years.

In conclusion we cannot too highly commend the zeal and efficiency of the expert engaged in this work, and hope the results of the investigation will merit and receive your approval.

*Committee of Senate.*

E. L. WIGHT, Cham'n,	J. L. HAND,
S. T. BLALOCK,	B. E. THRASHER,
WM. LITTLE.	

*Committee of House.*

CLARENCE KNOWLES, Chm'n,	J. M. WOOTEN,
R. V. EVERETT,	R. W. FREEMAN,
O. N. STARR,	A. EMANUEL,
PAUL TURNER,	J. T. NEWTON,
G. W. M. TATUM,	A. W. LANE.

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## RESOURCES.

1898.

Nov. 30. Cash in hand, record of Comptroller-		
General.....	\$ 224,283 75	
Add balance of special loan.....	150,000 00—	374,283 75

Dec. 1st to 31st. Estimated tax receipts:

General tax .....	\$ 817,800 22	
Railroad tax.....	184,294 80	
Poll tax.....	78,088 93	
Artist tax .....	5 00	
Liquor tax .....	47 00	
Oil fees .....	1,211 03	
Office fees.....	237 13	
Insolvent general tax .....	965 98	
Insolvent poll tax.....	246 55	
S. M. agents .....	1 25	
Insurance fees .....	88 40	
Insurance agents .....	365 00	
Insurance tax.....	4 54	
Show tax .....	11 25	
Pistol tax.....	16 87	
Peddlers' tax.....	6 56	
Rental W & A. R. R .....	35,001 00	
Sale Georgia Reports.....	287 88	
Fertilizer fees .....	524 99	
Telegraph tax.....	1 75	
Telephone tax.. ..	4 13	
Express Company tax.....	2 65	
Costs and fi. fas.....	75	
Interest on fi. fas.....	112 63	
Money refunded.....	1 20	
Fees B. and L. Associations.....	2 50	
Sleeping Car Companies' tax.....	473 60	
Interest from banks .....	124 67	
Sale of Codes.....	52 63	
Games tax .....	5 62	
Hire convicts.....	1,045 84—	1,121,032 36

Jan. 1, 1899—Estimated taxes uncollected:

General Tax and Professions .....	\$ 1,205,595 37	
Railroad tax.....	80,299 39	
Poll tax.....	209,793 91—	1,495,688 67
		<u>\$2,991,004 78</u>

—*State of Georgia.*

## LIABILITIES.

December 1, 1898, to January 1, 1899—Liabilities:

School Fund .....	\$ 853,316 96	
Public Debt.....	505,358 25	
Temporary Loan .....	150,000 00	
Legislative Pay Roll .....	69,758 08	
Lunatic Asylum.....	63,833 40	
Penitentiary and Prison Funds .....	48,667 93	
Civil Establishment—estimate .....	35,008 34	
Memorial Board Fund.....	14,347 54	
Military fund.....	14,009 18	
Widows' pensions, 1898 .....	10,440 00	
Printing fund .....	6,282 65	
Geological fund .....	6,909 21	
Academy for blind.....	5,000 02	
Contingent fund .....	4,941 49	
Insurance public buildings.....	2,948 35	
Supreme Court Reports .....	2,518 50	
Widows' Pensions—Awtry Act. ....	2,200 00	
School for colored .....	2,000 00	
Lunatic Asylum Trustees .....	1,848 04	
N. G. Agricultural College .....	1,500 00	
Fertilizer Fund.....	1,395 23	
Repairs to Capitol.....	816 80	
Penitentiary and Prison—traveling expense...	500 00	
Penitentiary Fund—R. R. Commission.....	252 43	
Indigent soldiers' pensions.....	40 00	
Library Fund ..	31 80	
Incidentals General Assembly .....	28 10	
School for Deaf....	25 32	1,803,977 62

## LAPSED—

Widows' Pensions, 1897.....	\$ 6,540 00	
Penitentiary Committee .....	375 50	
Stationery, General Assembly .....	352 23	
Publishing new Code.....	69 45	
Blount's Form Book .....	1 25	
Brown Committee.....	1 15	7,339 58

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 \$1,811,317 20

January 1st, 1899.

Estimated balance .....	1,179,687 58	
	<hr/>	2,991,004 78



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## RESOURCES.

1899.

January 1—Estimated balance brought down.....\$ 1,179,687 58

January 1st to July 1st—Estimated Tax Receipts.

Artists tax .....	\$ 1,108 00
Liquor tax .....	109,101 00
Oil fees .....	6,804 00
Office fees .....	1,812 00
Insolvent general tax.....	4,388 00
Insolvent poll tax .....	3,480 00
Sewing-machine agents.....	820 00
Insurance fees .....	11,377 00
Insurance agents.....	5,600 00
Insurance tax .....	31,580 00
Show tax .....	5,597 00
Pistol tax .....	5,051 00
Peddlers tax.....	1,000 00
Rental W. & A. R. R.....	210,006 00
Sale of Ga. Reports.....	2,000 00
Fertilizer fees .....	17,417 00
Telegraph tax .....	1,990 00
Telephone tax .....	2,545 00
Express Co. tax .....	1,926 00
Interest on <i>fi. fas</i> .....	435 00
Money refunded.....	420 00
Interest from banks .....	8,482 00
Sale of Codes.....	1,800 00
Games tax.....	304 00
Hire of convicts .....	21,251 00
Billiard tax .....	5,200 00
Auctioneer tax.....	473 00
Pawnbrokers tax .....	900 00
Specialists tax .....	97 00
Commercial agencies tax .....	450 00
Lightning rod agents.....	45 00
Cold storage tax .....	1,260 00
Dividend from stocks.....	1,298 00
Rental Northeastern R. R .....	4,650 00
Wild land tax.....	23 00
Sewing-machine companies tax .....	1,200 00
Futures tax.....	1,800 00
Sale of Acts .....	104 00
Tax on patents.....	9 00
Sale of W. & A. R. R. property.....	279 00
Supreme Court costs.....	2,047 00
Indian Spring reserve rental.....	147 00
Brewing companies tax.....	900 00—\$ 477,176 00

\$1,656,863 58

—*State of Georgia.*

## LIABILITIES.

1899.

## January 1st to July 1st—Liabilities:

School fund . . . . .	\$ 1,696 00	
School fund . . . . .	424,000 00	
Public debt . . . . .	239,514 00	
Lunatic Asylum . . . . .	145,750 00	
Penitentiary and prison funds . . . . .	3,816 00	
Civil establishment . . . . .	103,191 00	
Military fund . . . . .	1,325 00	
Widows' pensions . . . . .	121,900 00	
Printing fund . . . . .	7,155 00	
Blind Academy . . . . .	9,540 00	
Contingent fund . . . . .	5,300 00	
Insurance public buildings . . . . .	8,480 00	
Printing Supreme Court Reports . . . . .	3,180 00	
Colored university . . . . .	4,240 00	
Trustees of Lunatic Asylum . . . . .	1,325 00	
North Georgia Agricultural College . . . . .	3,180 00	
North Georgia Agricultural College, insurance . . . . .	318 00	
Fertilizer fund . . . . .	1,696 00	
Printing Fund Railroad Commission . . . . .	530 00	
Maimed soldiers—pensions . . . . .	102,025 00	
Indigent soldiers—pensions . . . . .	126,140 00	
Library fund . . . . .	1,590 00	
Academy for Deaf . . . . .	13,250 00	
Georgia Normal School, Athens . . . . .	6,625 00	
Land scrip fund . . . . .	3,346 51	
Institute Technology . . . . .	10,600 00	
Georgia N. and I. College . . . . .	10,812 00	
Georgia N. and I. College, extra . . . . .	241 96	
Department of Agriculture . . . . .	5,300 00	
Contingent Fund Railroad Commission . . . . .	424 00	
Contingent Fund Supreme Court . . . . .	636 00	
Public building fund . . . . .	9,275 00	
Binding Journals . . . . .	291 50	
Trustees University of Georgia . . . . .	265 00	
Solicitor's fees Supreme Court . . . . .	1,855 00—	1,378,812 97

July 1, 1899. Estimated balance . . . . . 278,050 61

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\$1,656,863 58

*The Treasury*

## RESOURCES.

1899.

July 1st—Estimated balance brought down .....\$ 278,950 61.

July 1st—to Oct. 1st—Estimated tax receipts :

Artist tax.. .....	\$ 188 00	
Liquor tax.....	9,639 00	
Oil fees.....	1,817 00	
Office fees.....	653 00	
Insolvent general tax.. ..	3,180 00	
Insolvent poll tax.....	497 00	
Sewing-machine agents.....	40 00	
Insurance fees.....	479 00	
Insurance agents.....	180 00	
Insurance tax .. ..	20,596 00	
Show tax .. ..	1,809 00	
Pistol tax.....	472 00	
Peddlers' tax.....	632 00	
Rental W & A. R. R. ....	105,003 00	
Sale of Georgia Reports.....	817 00	
Fertilizer fees .. ..	4,000 00	
Telegraph tax.....	688 00	
Telephone tax.....	1,379 00	
Costs and fi. fas.....	6 00	
Interest on fi. fas.....	3,983 00	
Money refunded.....	240 00	
Fees B. L. Association.....	990 00	
Interest from bank .. ..	1,786 00	
Sale of Codes.....	1,275 00	
Games tax .. ..	45 00	
Hire of convicts .. ..	4,358 00	
Billiard tax.....	743 00	
Auctioneers' tax.....	67 50	
Pawnbrokers' tax.....	90 00	
Specialists' tax .. ..	36 00	
Lightning-rod agent's tax.....	270 00	
Cold-storage tax.....	180 00	
Dividend from stocks.....	511 00	
Futures' tax.....	2,700 00	
Sale of acts.....	79 00	
Loan agents' tax .. ..	54 00	
Brewing Company tax.....	368 00	
Tax clock-peddlers .. ..	45 00	
Oyster Land lease.....	35 00	
Net earning N. E. R. R.....	15,445 00	
Rent of public building.....	26 00	
Oct. 1—Estimated balance overdrawn .....		\$185,401 50
		186,923 04

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 \$65,375 15

—*State of Georgia.*

## LIABILITIES.

1899

July 1st to October 1st—Liabilities:

School fund.....\$	800 00
School fund.....	200,000 00
Public debt.....	112,970 00
Lunatic asylum .....	68,750 00
Penitentiary and prison fund ....	1,800 00
Civil establishment.....	48,675 00
Military fund.....	625 00
Widow's pensions .....	57,500 00
Printing fund.....	3,375 00
Academy for blind .....	4,500 00
Contingent fund .....	2,500 00
Insurance fund .....	4,000 00
Printing Supreme Court Reports..	1,500 00
Colored University.....	2,000 00
Trustees of Lunatic Asylum .....	625 00
North Georgia Agricultural College .....	1,500 00
North Georgia Agricult'l College—Insurance..	150 00
Fertilizer fund .....	800 00
Printing fund—R. R. Commission.....	250 00
Maimed soldiers' pensions .....	48,125 00
Indigent soldiers' pensions..	59,500 00
Library fund .....	750 00
Academy for Deaf .....	6,250 00
Georgia Normal School, Athens .....	3,125 00
Land Script fund .....	1,578 53
Institute of Technology .....	5,000 00
Georgia Normal and Industrial College.....	5,100 00
Georgia Normal and Industrial College, extra.	114 12
Department of Agriculture .....	2,500 00
Contingent fund R. R. Commission .....	200 00
Contingent fund Supreme Court .....	300 00
Public building fund .....	4,375 00
Binding journals .....	137 50
Trustees of University of Georgia....	125 00
Solicitor fees Supreme Court .....	875 00—\$ 650,375 15

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 \$ 650,375 15

*The Treasury*

## RESOURCES.

1899.

Oct. 1 to Jan. 1, 1900—Estimated tax receipts:

General tax.. .....	\$ 914,032 00
Railroad tax. ....	217,406 00
Poll tax.....	95,754 00
Artists' tax.....	162 00
Liquor tax .....	3,451 00
Oil fees.. .....	4,861 00
Office fees.....	582 00
Insolvent general tax .....	8,015 00
Insolvent poll tax.....	473 00
Sewing-machine agents .....	20 00
Insurance fees.....	404 00
Insurance agents.....	670 00
Insurance tax.....	132 00
Show tax .....	131 00
Pistol tax.....	652 00
Peddlers' tax .....	225 00
Rental W & A. R. R .....	105,003 00
Sale of Georgia Reports.....	1,008 00
Fertilizer fees.....	1,666 00
Telegraph tax.....	852 00
Telephone tax.....	1,355 00
Express Company tax .....	909 00
Costs and <i>fi. fas</i> .....	26 00
Interest on <i>fi. fas</i> .....	388 00
Money refunded .....	390 00
Fees B. L. Association .....	10 00
Sleeping car companies.....	748 00
Interest from banks .....	263 00
Sale of Codes .....	927 00
Games tax .....	45 00
Hire of convicts .....	11,094 00
Billiard tax.....	225 00
Auctioneers' tax .....	22 00
Pawnbrokers' tax.....	90 00
Specialists' tax .....	18 00
Lightning rod agents .....	135 00
Dividend from stocks .....	786 00
Wild land tax .....	18 00
Sale of Acts.. .....	36 00
Sale of W & A. R. R. property .....	248 00
Interest from lessees.....	343 00—1,373,575 00

January 1, 1900—Estimated taxes uncollected:

General tax at 5.36 mills less collection.. .....	951,338 00
Railroad tax .....	11,442 00
Poll tax.....	126,942 00—1,089,722 00

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 \$2,463,297 00

—*State of Georgia.*

## LIABILITIES.

1899.

Oct. 1st—Estimated balance overdrawn brought down..... \$ 186,923 04

Oct. 1st to Jan. 1st, 1900—Liabilities:

School fund .....	\$ 704 00	
School fund.....	176,000 00	
Public debt.....	99,396 00	
Lunatic Asylum.....	60,500 00	
Penitentiary and prison fund .....	1,584 00	
Civil establishment .....	42,834 00	
Military fund.....	550 00	
Widows' pensions .....	50,600 00	
Printing fund.....	2,970 00	
Academy for Blind .....	3,960 00	
Contingent fund.....	2,200 00	
Insurance fund Public Buildings .....	3,520 00	
Printing Supreme Court Reports .....	1,320 00	
Colored University .....	1,760 00	
Trustees Lunatic Asylum .....	550 00	
North Georgia Agricultural College.....	1,320 00	
North Georgia Agricultural College—Insurance	132 00	
Fertilizer fund.....	704 00	
Printing fund—Railroad Commission.....	220 00	
Maimed soldiers' pensions .....	42,350 00	
Indigent soldiers' pensions.....	52,360 00	
Library fund.....	660 00	
Academy for Deaf.....	5,500 00	
Georgia Normal School, Athens... ..	2,750 00	
Land scrip fund .....	1,389 10	
Institute of Technology.....	4,400 00	
Georgia N. & I. College.....	4,488 00	
Georgia N. & I. College, extra.....	100 42	
Department of Agriculture.....	2,200 00	
Contingent fund, R. R. Commissioners .....	176 00	
Contingent fund, Supreme Court .....	264 00	
Public Building fund.....	3,850 00	
Binding Journals.....	121 00	
Trustees University of Georgia.....	110 00	
Solicitor fees Supreme Court .....	770 00	— 572,312 52

Jan. 1st, 1900—Estimated balance..... 1,704,061 44

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 \$2,463,297 00

Mr. McGehee, chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Temperance have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous liquors within the county of Butts, and for other purposes.

A bill to repeal an Act entitled an Act to authorize the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Newton county to establish a dispensary, and for other purposes.

A bill to prohibit the sale of wine within two miles of the court house in the town of Alpharetta, in Milton county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. McGEHEE, Chairman.

State of Georgia, Executive Office,

Atlanta, Ga. Dec. 14, 1898.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:—I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Honorable John H. Martin, representing Mrs. Una Clements and Judge James B. Clements of Irwin county, tendering to the State as a donation two acres of land, the site on

which president Jefferson Davis and his escort were captured in 1865.

As will be seen no compensation is asked for the land and no conditions attached to the donation except that the land shall forever be held and owned by the State of Georgia, and not be permitted to pass into the hands of private parties, and that proper legislation be enacted to protect it against relic hunters and trespassers.

This communication is transmitted to your honorable bodies with the recommendation that the donation be accepted by the State and its management turned over to the Daughters of the Confederacy to be cared for and ornamented by them in such way as they may deem most appropriate, without cost to the State.

A. D. CANDLER.

Hawkinsville, Ga., November 29th, 1898.

Governor Allen D. Candler, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:—I am instructed by Mrs. Una Clements, widow of, and Judge James B. Clements, son of Hon. R. W. Clements, deceased, late of Irwin county, Georgia, to tender as a donation to the State of Georgia, two acres of land covering the spot where President Jefferson Davis and his escort were camped at the time of his capture.

Mrs. Clements and Judge Clements in making this offer are carrying out the wish of Mr. R. W. Clements often expressed to them and myself and which death prevented him doing.

No conditions are attached to the gift except that the



land must be forever held and owned by the State of Georgia and not be permitted to pass into the hands of private parties and that appropriate legislation be enacted to protect it against relic hunters and trespassers of all kinds.

The two acres are a part of lot of land number 51 in the second land district of Irwin county, Georgia, and are on the public road leading from Abbeville to Irwinville and are to be laid off in such manner that the spot where the tent of President Jefferson Davis was pitched shall be the center as near as practicable.

This land, if accepted by the State, should be nicely enclosed and a suitable monument erected thereon, and to this end on behalf of the donors I suggest that either the United Daughters of the Confederacy or the United Sons of Confederate Veterans be authorized and empowered to take in charge its improvement and decoration.

Around this spot cluster associations so well depicted by Mr. Davis in a letter written to me on January 2, 1887, in speaking of the place, that I feel constrained to quote the following portion as a suitable inscription to be placed on a monument should one be erected: "Though connected with a sad misadventure which has been the theme of many scandalous falsehoods, I cannot remember as other than a crowning misfortune without shame."

Kindly submit this matter to the General Assembly of Georgia with such suggestions as you deem best in the premises.

Yours truly,

JOHN H. MARTIN

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit :

A bill to establish a city court in the city of Clarkesville in Habersham county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 101, nays 0.

Also, a bill to make an appropriation to the trustees of the University of Georgia for the use of the Textile Department of the Technological school.

Passed. Ayes 106, nays 39.

Also, a bill to regulate and control the expenditure of county funds so far as same relates to purchase of goods for county purposes, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 1.

Also, a bill to amend section 1642 of volume 1 of the Code of Georgia.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 2.

Also, a bill to prescribe a uniform system of tax receipts, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 113, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe.

Passed. Ayes 105, nays 0.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Camak.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to amend an Act establishing a charter for the city of Griffin, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to permit (the State as owner of) the North-eastern railroad to be sued in certain cases.

Passed. Ayes 106, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 431 of Code of 1895.

Passed. Ayes 112, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend an Act requiring all claimants for lands sold under wild lands tax fi. fas. within thirty-six months, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 88, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 815 of volume 3 of Code of 1895.

Passed. Ayes 95, nays 0.

Also, a bill to establish a system for working the streets of city of Milledgeville.

Passed. Ayes 94, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal an Act to amend an Act establishing a charter for city of Griffin so as to provide that a Board of Police Commissioners shall be created, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend the Act establishing the city court of Hall county.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 3.

Also, a bill to amend section 5462 of the Code of 1895.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 1.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Slaton—

- A bill to amend section 431 of the Code of Georgia of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to prescribe a uniform tax receipt for tax-collectors of this State.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to amend section 815 of volume 3 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to require all claimants of land sold under transfer wild land tax fi. fas. prior to the 1st day of January, 1880.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Whitney—

A bill to amend section 1642 of volume 1 of the Code. .

Referred to the Finance Committee.

House bill No. 37 was recommitted to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Stone—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe in the county of Walton.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the city of Griffin in Spalding county.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Messrs. Smith and Sloan—

A bill to amend the Act establishing the city court of Hall county.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Allen—

A bill to establish a system of working the streets of the city of Milledgeville.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Holder—

A bill to permit the State as owner of the Northeastern railroad to be sued in certain cases.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Willingham—

A bill to regulate and control the expenditure of county funds so far as the same relates to the county of Monroe.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Jarnegan—

A bill to incorporate the town of Camak in the county of Warren.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to amend the Act establishing a charter for the city of Griffin, adopted February 15th, 1876.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Knowles—

A bill to make an appropriation to the trustees of the University of Georgia for the Textile Department of the Technological school.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also;

By Mr. Moore—

A bill to amend section 5462 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

The following House bills were read the second time and recommitted to the General Judiciary Committee:

By Mr. Post—

A bill to authorize the Judges of the Superior Court to grant charters to corporations at Chambers.

Also,

By Mr. Hall—

A bill to amend sections 5315 and 5316 of the Code of 1895.

The following Senate bill was read the third time to be put upon its passage:

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to amend paragraph 7 of section 107 of the Code of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.



And ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

Also, the following Senate resolution:

By Mr. Underwood—

A resolution to more thoroughly investigate the State Sanitarium, and for other purposes.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended by striking out the word "before" in the thirteenth line after the word "institution" and before the word "the" down to and including the word "them" in the 15th line and insert the words "and at as early a day as possible, and report its findings to the Governor and to the next General Assembly," and was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

The following bills were read the second time and re-committed to the Special Judiciary Committee:

By Mr. Terrell—

A bill to authorize and empower the mayor and council of Douglas to establish a dispensary in said town.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Jackson in the county of Butts.

Also,

By Mr. Bass—

A bill to establish the city court of Clarksville in Habersham county.

Also,

By Mr. Walker—

A bill to repeal the Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues in the county of Union.

The following bill was read the second time and recommended to the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation:

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to establish a Board of Embalming in this State.

The following Senate bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Mr. Morrison—

A bill to provide for the more humane execution of persons convicted of capital offense in Georgia and sentenced to suffer the penalty of death.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 1.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Morrison—

A bill to repeal section 397 volume 3 of the Code of Georgia of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 21, nays 10.

The bill not having received the requisite constitutional majority was lost.

Mr. Morrison gave notice that he would move to reconsider this bill to-morrow.

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following House bills which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to pay off and retire bonds of the State as they mature in accordance with article 7, section 14, paragraph 1 of the Constitution of 1877 by levy and collection of a tax, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend section 98 of the Code of 1895, which fixes the term of office of county officers.

The committee have also had under consideration the

following House resolution which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A resolution to refund to Chas. J. Dougherty, the sum of one hundred dollars, paid by him to the Tax-Collector of Greene county.

The committee have also had under consideration the following House resolution, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do not pass, to wit:

A bill providing for the payment to Mrs. Anna E. Branch certain moneys in the Treasury, growing out of sale of certain wild lands for taxes, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

E. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

The following resolutions were read the second time :

By Mr. Freeman—

A resolution to authorize the Governor to borrow money to supply casual deficiencies, and for other purposes.

Also,

By Mr. Griffin—

A resolution to refund to Chas. J. Dougherty of Greene county the sum of \$100.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to pay off and retire bonds of the State as they may become due.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to amend section 98 of the Code of 1895.

The following House bills were read the third time to be put upon their passage:

By Messrs. Mayson and George—

A bill to abolish the city court of DeKalb county, and for other purposes.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Griffin—

A resolution for the relief of George A. Hall and Joel F. Thornton as sureties on the bond of Gene Williams.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to appoint a committee to prepare a measure looking to a revision of the tax laws of the State, and for other purposes.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act to incorporate Augusta, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 0.

Also, a bill to provide for the incorporation of trust companies, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 6.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Pavo in the counties of Thomas and Brooks.

Passed. Ayes 91, nays 0.

Mr. Steed, Chairman of the Conference Committee, on the part of the Senate, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Conference Committee, appointed under previous resolution, instruct me to report as follows:

The Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate to confer with the House committee on House bill No. 125, recommend the Senate substitute be concurred in with the following amendment by inserting before the repealing clause the following words:

“Be it further enacted, That the criminal court of Atlanta be established in the city of Atlanta.”

They further agree that the Senate substitute to House bill 126 be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted.

W E. STEED, Chairman.

Also,

By Mr. Rudicil—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Lyerly in the county of Chattooga.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Barwick—

A bill to establish the city court of Swainesboro in Emanuel county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 32, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Morris—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Marietta.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Griffith—

A bill to repeal the Act incorporating the town of Bremen and create a new one for said town.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.



Also,

By Mr. Bennett—

A bill to regulate the sale of spirituous liquors in the county of Mitchell, through the medium of a dispensary.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Augusta.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 33, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Wade—

A bill to change the manner of selecting county commissioners of Brooks county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Tracy—

A bill to fix the time of holding certain courts in the Southwestern Judicial Circuit.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed the following bills of the House by the requisite constitutional majority, to wit:

A bill to repeal section 4 of an Act to incorporate the town of Warsaw.

Passed. Ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to establish a dispensary in the town of Comer, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 89, nays 0.

Also, a bill to authorize the graduates of the Normal Department of the Georgia Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville to teach in the public schools of the State without further examination.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 26.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution to authorize W. H. Harrison of the county of Fulton to publish the Acts of this General Assembly, and for other purposes.

The following House bill was read second time and re-committed to the Committee on Banks:

By Mr. Erwin—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the Bank of the University at Athens.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr President:*

The House has concurred in the Senate substitute to the following bill of the House as amended.

A bill to amend the Act establishing the criminal court of Atlanta.

The House has also concurred in the substitute to House bill No. 126, to wit:

A bill to amend the Act establishing the city court of Atlanta, and for other purposes.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend section 982 of the Code of Georgia of 1895.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also,

By Mr. Esterlin—

A bill to require the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish a department of Horticulture and Pomology in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 23, nays 3.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Stubbs—

To relieve O. W. Linder, ex-Tax-Collector of Laurens county, and B. B. Linder et al., as sureties on said bond of Linder.

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Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in:

By Mr. Ellis of Bibb—

A resolution to appoint a committee to prepare a measure looking to a revision of the tax laws of this State.

Committee on part of the Senate are Messrs. Wight, chairman, Fouché and Blalock.

The following House bills were read the first time:

By Mr. Allen—

A bill to authorize the graduates of the normal department of the Georgia Normal School to teach in the common schools of this State without being examined.

Referred to the Educational Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Harris—

A bill to incorporate the town of Pavo in the counties of Thomas and Brooks.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Bond—

A bill to establish, maintain and regulate a dispensary in the town of Comer.

Referred to the Temperance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to repeal section 4 of an Act to incorporate the town of Warsaw in the county of Chatham.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Chappell—

A bill to provide for incorporation of trust companies and to define their rights and powers.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating Augusta, to improve the roads.

Referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following House bills were read the second time:

By Mr. McLaughlin—

A bill to provide for the admission to the bar, and for other purposes.

Also,

By Mr. McLaughlin—

A bill to regulate the payment of fees to attorneys and receivers.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Butts.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to prohibit the manufacture of spirituous liquors in the county of Butts.

Also,

By Mr. Park—

A bill to submit to the qualified voters of Troup county whether or not whisky shall be sold there or not.

Also,

By Mr. Jordan—

A bill to fix the term of office of county solicitor for Pulaski county.

Also,

By Mr. Simpson—

A bill to prohibit the sale of wine within two miles of the court house in the town of Alpharetta in Milton county.

Also,

By Messrs. Henderson and Hardwick—

A bill to amend the Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Washington.

Also,

By Mr. Hardwick—

A bill to provide a new charter for the town of Tennille in Washington.

Also,

By Mr. Pace—

A bill to prohibit the sale of any intoxicating liquors except domestic wines in the county of Newton.

Also,

By Mr. Pace—

A bill to amend the Act to authorize the Commissioners of Roads and Revenue to establish a dispensary in Newton county.

Also,

By Mr. Tatum—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue for the county of Dade.



Also,

By Mr. Stone—

A bill to provide for the maintenance and support of the Prison Commission of this State.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to regulate and limit the payment of insolvent costs to the clerk of the city court of Richmond county.

Also,

By Mr. Wooten—

A bill to authorize the judges of the superior court to fill vacancies in Boards of Commissioners of Roads and Revenue in certain instances.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to regulate and limit the payment of insolvent costs to the clerk of the city court of Richmond county.

Also,

By Mr. Brandon—

A bill for the protection of labels and trade marks in this State.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to establish a new charter for the town of Leesburg in the county of Lee.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend section 5315 of the Code of 1895.

Also,

By Mr. Anderson—

A resolution to direct the superintendent of the lunatic asylum to deliver Roxie Ann Long to the authorities of Bryan county.

Also,

By Mr. Chappell—

A resolution to provide for the payment of two extra doorkeepers for the House of Representatives.

Also, the following Senate bill was read the second time:

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill to amend the charter of the Capital City Bank.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House, the following Senate bills, to wit:

A bill to provide for the more humane execution of persons convicted of a capital offense in Georgia.

Also, a bill to amend paragraph 7 of section 107 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a resolution to more thoroughly investigate the State Sanitarium.

Respectfully submitted.

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the second time with adverse report from the Committee:

By Mr. Smith—

A bill to repeal so much of an Act approved August 20, 1872, as relates to the payment of certain insolvent costs in the Northern Judicial Circuit.

Report of committee was agreed to and bill lost.

Also,

By Mr. Smith—

A bill to amend the Act to provide for the payment of certain insolvent costs in the Northern Judicial Circuit.

Report of committee agreed to and bill lost.

Also, the following resolution:

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution providing for the payment to Mrs. Anna E. Branch certain moneys in the Treasury growing out of the sale of wild lands.

Report of the committee was agreed to and resolution lost.

The hour of 1 o'clock having arrived, the Senate repaired to the hall of the House of Representatives to receive the President and his party.

Later the Senate returned to its Chamber, and upon motion of Mr. McGehee, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,  
Thursday, December 15th, 1898.

The Senate met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 o'clock,  
and was called to order by the president.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names :

Blalock,	Humphreys,	Redding,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Lang,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Little,	Thompson,
Davis,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	McLester,	Wight,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wood,
Heard,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Hodge,	Rawlings,	

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Brannen moved to reconsider the action of the Senate on yesterday in defeating House Resolution No. 38, which motion was lost.

Mr. Morrison moved to reconsider the action of the Senate on yesterday in defeating Senate Bill No. 64, which motion was carried.

Mr. Daniel, Chairman pro tem. of the Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President :*

The Committee on Hygiene and Sanitation has had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to establish a State Board of Embalming, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

G. C. DANIEL,  
Chairman pro tem.

Mr. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President :*

The Committee on Education requests that House bill No. 103 be read second time and recommitted.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. NESBITT, Chairman.

Mr. Fouché, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President :*

The General Judiciary Committee has had under con-

sideration the following House bill, which I am instructed to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass :

A bill to require all claimants of lands sold under transferred wild land tax *fi. fas.* to bring suit for same within 36 months.

Also, a bill to amend sections 5315 and 5316 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to permit the State as owner of the Northeastern Railroad to be sued in certain cases.

The committee also recommends that the author be allowed to withdraw the following Senate bill :

A bill to provide for the election of judges and solicitors of the various city courts throughout the State by the electors of their respective counties.

The committee also recommends that the following House bills do not pass :

A bill to amend section 5462 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to amend section 431 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to amend section 815 of volume 3 of the Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to authorize the judges of the superior court to grant charters to corporations at Chambers in all cases, etc.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHÉ, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Jackson.

Also, a bill to establish a system of working the public streets in the city of Milledgeville.

Also, a bill to regulate the expenditures of county funds in the several counties in the State.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F REDDING, Chairman.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof.

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the House, to wit :

A bill to amend section 1700 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 104, nays 0.



Also, a bill to authorize the trustees of the State University to operate summer sessions, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 0.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the fall session of the superior court of Irwin county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 89, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend and consolidate the laws governing the inspection, analysis and sale of commercial fertilizers.

Passed. Ayes 89, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 2334 of the Civil Code of 1895, fixing the venue of suits against railroad companies in this State.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 1.

Also, a bill to amend section 3244 of the Code of 1895.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 1916, vol. 2 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the superior courts of Dougherty, Mitchell, Worth, Baker, Decatur, Calhoun and Miller counties, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 100, nays 0.

Also, a bill to repeal the existing charter of the town of Hillman, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 0.

Also, a bill to provide for the payment of teachers in public schools monthly, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 110, nays 6.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolutions of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution tendering the thanks of the people of Georgia to Mr. Byard M. Fowler for services rendered at the Omaha exposition.

Also, a resolution for the relief of James R. Cravens of Catoosa county.

Passed. Ayes 99, nays 1.

Also, a resolution for the relief of A. M. Hill of Walton county, and for other purposes.

Also, a resolution providing for the payment of any balance due the Hon. W T. Jones, deceased, on account of his per diem.

Passed. Ayes 109, nays 1.

Mr. Wight, chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee on Finance has had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to prescribe a uniform system of tax receipts in this State and to provide for the enforcement of the same.

A bill to amend section 1642 of volume 2 of the Code, which relates to exemptions of Confederate soldiers in regard to pool tables.

A bill to make an appropriation for the support of the Textile Department of the Technological School, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

ED. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

Mr. Hand, Chairman of the Committee on Banks, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Banks has had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Bank of the University at Athens.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. HAND, Chairman.

Mr. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to give the County Boards of Education of this State full power to regulate the public school term.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. NESBITT, Chairman.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Brunswick.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. McGehee, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Temperance request me to report

back House bill No. 354, with the recommendation that it be read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Temperance.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. McGEHEE, Chairman.

The following House bills and resolution were read the first time:

By Mr. Dews—

A resolution providing for the payment of any balance due the Hon. W T. Jones, deceased, on account of his *per diem*.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

By Mr. Bennett—

A bill to change the time of holding the Superior Courts in the counties of Dougherty, Mitchell, Worth, Baker, Decatur, Calhoun and Miller.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Yates—

A resolution for the relief of James R. Cravens, of Cataosa county.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Cook—

A bill to provide for the payment of school-teachers in the public schools of this State monthly

Referred to the Public Schools Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Stone—

A resolution for the relief of A. M. Hill of Walton county

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution tendering the thanks of the people of Georgia to Mr. Byard M. Fowler in recognition of the services he rendered the State at the Omaha, Neb., Exposition.

Referred to the State of the Republic Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Duncan—

A bill to amend section 2334 of the Civil Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to amend section 1916, vol. 2, of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the Banks Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Simpson—

A bill to amend section 3244 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Beauchamp—

A bill to authorize the Trustees of the State University to operate summer sessions for the benefit of teachers.

Referred to the Educational Committee.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to amend section 1700 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the General Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Henderson—

A bill to change the time of holding the fall term of the Superior Court of Irwin county.

Referred to the Special Judiciary Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Reid—

A bill to repeal the present charter of the town of Hillman, and create a new one for said town, in the county of Taliaferro.

Referred to the Corporations Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Stubbs—

A bill to amend section 982 of the Code of 1895.

Referred to the Banks Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Jordan—

A bill to amend and consolidate the laws governing the inspection of fertilizers in this State.

Referred to the Agricultural Committee.

By unanimous consent, the following House bills were read the third time and put upon their passage.

By Mr. Wooten—

A bill to authorize the Judges of the Superior Court to fill vacancies in the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 0.



The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Tatum—

A bill to give Commissioners of Roads and Revenues and County Judges the power to lay out and discontinue roads.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 1.

The bill, having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended. By striking out the word eighteen in the 16th line of section 1, and insert the word twenty-one.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr President:*

The House has unanimously adopted the following joint resolutions of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution expressing appreciation of President McKinley's address before the General Assembly of Georgia, December 14, 1898.

Also,

By Mr. Hardin—

A bill to authorize the Mayor and Council of Washington to issue bonds to the amount of \$30,000.00.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following Senate bill was read the 3d time, to be put upon its passage :

By Mr. Nesbitt—

A bill to amend the charter of the Capital City Bank.

Upon the passage of the bill, the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, and amended as follows: By adding at the caption, A Bill to be entitled an Act.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A resolution to authorize the Governor to borrow money to supply casual deficiencies, and for other purposes.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following House Resolution was read and concurred in :

By Mr. —————

A resolution expressing appreciation of President Mc-

Kinley's address before the General Assembly of Georgia,  
on the 14th day of December, 1898.

Also,

By Mr. Greene—

A resolution to refund to Charles J. Dougherty, of  
Greene county, the sum of \$100.00.

This being an appropriation, the ayes and nays were or-  
dered, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hodge,	Redding,
Brannen,	Humphreys,	Steed,
Bunn,	Johnson,	Sutton,
Daniel,	King,	Terrell,
Dickerson,	Little,	Thompson,
Dowling,	Mann,	Underwood,
Fouche,	Moye,	Webb,
Greene,	McGehee,	West,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood.
Heard,	Rawlings,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Davis,	McLester,	Wilcox,
Lang,	Passmore,	Mr. President.

Total, ayes 35 ; nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitu-  
tional majority, was passed.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in :

By Mr. Chappell—

A resolution to provide for the bringing up of the unfinished business of the session.

Also,

By Mr. Anderson—

A resolution to direct the superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum to deliver Roxie Ann Long to the authorities in Bryan county.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 32, nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Hall—

A bill to amend sections 5315 and 5316 of the Code of 1895.

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Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend section 5315 of the Code of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bryan—

A bill to amend section 105 of the Code, relative to the time and place of electing constables.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed, as amended.

By striking out the figures 1898 and inserting 1900, and by adding at the end of said caption the following: Provided, That this Act shall not affect or change the time of the election of constables in the year 1899.

Also,

By Mr. Brandon—

A bill for the protection of labels and trade-marks in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

.By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to amend section 98 of the Code of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to amend the charter of the town of Leesburg, in the county of Lee.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to pay off and retire bonds of the State as they mature and become due.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to limit and regulate the payment of the insolvent costs to the sheriff of Richmond county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to regulate and control the payment of insolvent costs of the clerk of the city court of Richmond county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Pace—

A bill to repeal the Act authorizing the Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Newton county to establish a dispensary.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Tatum—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Dade.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Pace—

A bill to prohibit the sale of any intoxicating liquors within the county of Newton.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

By Mr. Hardwick—

A bill to provide a new charter for the town of Tennile, in the county of Washington.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Upon motion, the following House bill was taken up with adverse report from the committee. The report was



disagreed to, and the bill was read the 2d time and re-committed to the General Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Moore—

A bill to amend section 5462 of the Code of 1895.

Upon motion of Mr. Blalock the Appropriation Bill was made a special order for to-morrow immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Also,

By Messrs. Henderson & Hardwick—

A bill to amend an Act creating the Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Washington.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the town of Jackson, in the county of Butts.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the Senate, as amended, to wit:

A bill to amend an Act to provide for the condemnation of private property for public purposes.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 6.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendment to the following Senate bill:

A bill to amend an Act approved December 24, 1896, to give Commissioners of Roads and Revenues or County Judges the power to lay out and discontinue public roads, and for other purposes.

The House has also passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the Senate, to wit:

A bill to amend section 341 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 96, nays 0.

Also, a bill to regulate the fees of notaries public, etc., and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 111, nays 14.

Also, a bill to amend section 2636 of the Code of Georgia, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 88, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 1107 of volume 3 of the Code of Georgia.

Passed. Ayes 93, nays 4.

Also, a bill to reduce the sheriff's bond in the county of Dougherty.

Passed. Ayes 107, nays 0.

Also, a bill appointing commissioners to consent in behalf of the State to the erection of a new union passenger depot in the city of Atlanta.

Passed. Ayes 102, nays 0.

The following bills of the Senate having failed to receive a constitutional majority, were lost, to wit :

A bill to amend section 72 of volume 1 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to allow constables to levy and collect superior, city and county court *fi. fas.*, where the same can be levied on personal property and the principal sum does not exceed one hundred dollars.

The House has concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit :

A resolution to authorize and direct the superintendent

of the Lunatic Asylum to deliver William Schwarz to the proper authorities of Chatham county.

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House, to wit :

A resolution to pay the pension due O. F. Johnson, of Oconee county, to his widow, Mrs. Belle Johnson.

Passed. Ayes 115, nays 0.

Mr. West, chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with recommendation that same be read second time and recommitted, to wit :

A bill to amend an Act to create a board of commissioners of Spalding county.

Also, a bill to establish a system of public schools for Tifton, Ga.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Pavo.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the town of Warsaw.

Also, a bill to incorporate trust companies in this State.

Also, a bill to amend an Act to incorporate the city of Augusta.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Griffin.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Camak.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of Monroe.

Also, a bill to amend the act creating the city court of Hall county.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Griffin.

Also, a bill to amend an Act establishing the city court of Gwinnett.

Also, a bill to take out of the village of Summerville certain lands of Mrs. M. B. Wright.

Also, the following Senate bill, to wit :

A bill to establish a system of public schools in Blue Ridge, Fannin county.

Respectfully submitted.

W. S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Blalock, chairman of the Committee, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee have had under consideration the following House bill, to wit, which they instruct to me report back with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended:

A bill entitled an Act to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial departments of the government, payment of the public debt and the interest thereon.

The committee also instruct me to report the following House bill, with the recommendation that same do pass:

A bill entitled an Act to provide for the maintenance and support of the prison commission, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

S. T. BLALOCK, Chairman.

The House amendment to the following Senate bill was concurred in, to wit:

By Mr. Dickerson—

A bill to provide for the condemnation of private property for public uses.

The following House resolution was read first time:

By Mr. Price—

A resolution to pay the pension due O. F. Johnson of Oconee county.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

Also,

By Mr. Jordan—

A bill to fix the term of office of county solicitor of Pulaski county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Erwin—

A bill to amend the act incorporating the Bank of the University at Athens.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Emanuel—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Brunswick.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. McLaughlin—

A bill for the admission to the bar in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following bill was read third time with adverse report from the committee:

By Mr. Post—

A bill to authorize the judges of the superior court to grant charters to corporations at Chambers.

The report of the committee was agreed to, and bill lost.

The following House bills were read second time and recommitted to the Corporation Committee:

By Mr. Jarnagin—

A bill to incorporate the town of Camak in the county of Warren.

Also,

By Messrs. Smith and Sloan—

A bill to establish a city court in Hall county and to provide for a solicitor for said court.

The following House bill was read second time and re-committed to the Temperance Committee:

By Mr. Bond—

A bill to establish, maintain and operate a dispensary in the town of Comer in Madison county.

Upon motion of Mr. Terrell the Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.



Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Georgia,

Friday, December 16, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names, Messrs.—

Blalock,	Johnson,	Redding,
Brannen,	King,	Steed,
Bunn,	Lang,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Little,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Davis,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Underwood,
Dowling,	McGehee,	Webb,
Fouche,	McLester,	West,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Gross,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wood,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Hodge,		

Those absent were Messrs.—

Humphreys.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Wight, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Finance has had under consideration the following House resolutions which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A resolution providing for the payment of any balance due Hon. W T. Jones, deceased, on account of his *per diem*.

Also, a resolution to pay the pension due O. F Johnson of Oconee county to his widow.

Also, a resolution for the relief of James R. Cravens of Catoosa county.

Respectfully submitted.

ED. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

Mr. Nesbitt, Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Education has had under consideration the following House bill which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to authorize the Trustees of the State University to operate summer sessions for the benefit of the white teachers of the State, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T NESBITT, Chairman.

Mr. Fouché, Chairman of the General Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The General Judiciary Committee have had under consideration the following House bills which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass.

A bill to regulate the payment of fees to attorneys and receivers, etc., and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend section 2334 of the Civil Code of 1895.

Also, a bill to amend section 1700 of the Code of 1895.

Also, the following House resolution which it recommends do pass.

A resolution for the relief of A. M. Hill of Walton county.

The committee also recommends that the following bill pass as amended.

A bill to amend section 5462 of the Code of 1895.

The committee also recommends that the following House bill do not pass.

A bill to amend section 3244 of the Code of 1895.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHÉ, Chairman.

Mr. Terrell, Chairman of the Committee on State of Republic, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on State of Republic have had under consideration the following House resolutions which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A resolution in regard to the marking of the graves of Southern soldiers who died in Northern military prisons, and for other purposes.

Also, a resolution to tender thanks of the people of Georgia to Mr. Byard M. Fowler for his services rendered the State on the matters of the exhibit at the Omaha Exposition.

Respectfully submitted.

J. R. TERRELL, Chairman.

Mr. Hand, Chairman of the Committee on Banks, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Banks respectfully request that House bills Nos. 338 and 416 be read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. HAND, Chairman.

The following House bills were read the second time :

By Mr. Hamby—

§ A bill to give to the Boards of Education of the several counties of this State full power to regulate the term of public schools.

Also,

By Mr. Willingham—

A bill to regulate and control the expenditure of county funds, so far as same relates to the purchase of goods or property of any kind for county purposes.

Mr. Little, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Agriculture requests that House bill No. 408 be read the second time and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.¶

Respectfully submitted.

WM. LITTLE, Chairman.

By Mr. Jordan—

A bill to amend and consolidate the laws governing the inspection of fertilizers in this State.

Recommitted to the Agricultural Committee.

The following House bills were read the second time and recommitted to the Corporation Committee :

By Mr. Harris—

A bill to incorporate the town of Pavo in the counties of Thomas and Brooks.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to take out of and exclude from the village of Summerville the property of Mrs. B. M. Wright.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to repeal section 4 of an Act incorporating the town of Warsaw.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to amend the Act establishing the charter for the city of Griffin.

Also,

By Messrs. Stone and Felker—

A bill to amend the charter for the city of Monroe, in Walton county.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to amend an Act to incorporate the city of Augusta.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to amend an Act establishing the charter of the city of Griffin, so as to create a Board of Police Commissioners of said city.

Also,

By Mr. Hutchins—

A bill to amend the Act establishing the City Court of Gwinnett county, and to define its jurisdiction.

Also,

By Mr. Chappell—

A bill to provide for the incorporation of trust companies, and to define their rights and powers.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to amend an Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues of Spalding and Butts

counties, so far as the same relates to the county of Spalding.

Also,

By Mr. McCranie—

A bill to establish a system of public schools for the city of Tifton.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate substitute to the following House bill, to wit :

By Messrs. Slaton, Brandon and Knowles—

A bill to amend the Act of Sept. 6, 1891, and Acts amendatory thereof establishing a Criminal Court in the city of Atlanta, so as to elect the Judge and Solicitor by the people.

The amendment is as follows :

Be it further enacted, That the Criminal Court of Atlanta be established in the city of Atlanta.

The following House bills were read the second time :

By Mr. Allen—

A bill to establish a system for the working of the streets of the city of Milledgeville.

Also,

By Mr. Duncan—

A bill to amend section 2334 of the Civil Code of 1898.



Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to amend section 1700 of the Code of 1895.

Also,

By Mr. Stone—

A resolution for the relief of A. M. Hill, of Walton county.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution in regard to the marking of the graves of Confederate soldiers who died in Northern prisons.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution tendering the thanks of the people of Georgia to Mr. Byard M. Fowler in recognition of the services rendered the State at the Omaha Exposition.

Also,

By Mr. Holder—

A bill to permit (the State as owner of) the Northeastern Railroad to be sued in certain cases.

Also,

By Mr. Beauchamp—

A bill to authorize the trustees of the States University to operate summer sessions for the benefit of the white teachers.

Also,

By Mr. Whiteley—

A bill to amend section 1642 of Volume 1 of the Code of 1895.

Also,

By Mr. Yates—

A resolution for the relief of James R. Cravens, of Catoosa county.

Also,

By Mr. Dews—

A resolution to provide for the payment of any balance due the Hon. W T. Jones, of Dougherty county.

Also,

By Mr. Price—

A resolution to pay pension due O. F. Johnson, of Oconee county, to his widow.

Also,

By Mr. Knowles—

A bill to make an appropriation to the trustees of the University of Georgia for the support and maintenance of a Textile Department for the Technological School.

Also,

By Mr. Allen—

A bill to authorize the graduates of the Georgia Normal School to teach in the common schools without being again examined.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to require all claimants of land sold under transfer wild land tax *fi. fa.* to bring suit for same within 36 months.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to prescribe a uniform system of tax receipts for the tax collectors of this State.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof :

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution expressing regret at the unfortunate misunderstanding which prevented the committee appointed to receive the Legislature of Alabama from meeting them at the depot.

Mr. Redding, Chairman of the Special Judiciary Committee, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to change the time of holding the fall session of Irwin superior court.

Also, a bill to change the time of holding the superior court of Calhoun county, and other counties.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. REDDING, Chairman.

Mr. Steed, Chairman of the Committee on Public Schools, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the follow-

ing House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to provide for the payment of teachers in public schools monthly.

Respectfully submitted,

W E. STEED, Chairman.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to repeal the charter of Hillman and provide a new charter for same.

Also a bill to amend an Act establishing the city court of Hall county.

Also, a bill to incorporate the town of Camack.

Respectfully submitted,

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Blalock, Chairman of the Appropriation Committee, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Appropriation Committee have had under consider-

ation the following House resolution which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended :

A resolution to provide for the payment of two extra doorkeepers for the House of Representatives for the session 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. BLALOCK, Chairman.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Engrossing report as duly engrossed and ready to be transmitted to the House the following Senate bill, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the Capital City Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

The special order was taken up which is a bill.

By Mr. Chappell—

A bill to make appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Departments of the State for the years 1899 and 1900.

The bill was taken up by sections and considered.

Mr. Fouche offered the following amendment :

Amend section 1 by striking out the words, For salary of the Special Attorney of the W & A. Railroad, two thousand dollars.

Upon the adoption of this amendment the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Johnson,	Steed,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Little,	Terrell,
Dickerson,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dowling,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	Moye,	Underwood,
Greene,	McGehee,	Webb,
Gross,	Odom,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Perkins,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Wood,
Hodge,	Redding,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Nesbitt,	West.
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Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Humphreys,	McLester,
Davis,	Lang,	Mr. President.

The amendment was adopted.

The following amendments were adopted :

By striking out \$2,000 as salary for the Railroad Commission and insert \$2,500.

Also by making the appropriation \$20,500 instead of \$12,500 for the Rock College at Athens.'

Upon motion of Mr. Blalock when the Senate adjourned it would reconvene at 3 o'clock P. M.

The hour of adjournment having arrived the Senate stood adjourned until 3 o'clock this P. M.

3 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 3 o'clock. Was called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. Blalock, the roll call was dispensed with.

The unfinished business of the morning session, which was the general appropriation bill, was taken up.

Mr. Davis was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit :

*Mr. President:*

I am directed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he respect-



fully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

Mr. Wight moved that the Senate adjourn until to-night at 7:30 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Morrison was granted leave of absence from to-night's session on account of sickness in family.

7:30 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 o'clock. Was called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. Terrell, the roll call was dispensed with.

Upon motion the following House bills were read second time.

By Mr. Reid—

A bill to repeal the present charter and create a new one for the town of Hillman in the county of Taliaferro.

Also,

By Mr. Bennett—

A bill to change the time of holding the superior courts of the counties of Dougherty, Mitchell, Worth, Baker, Decatur, Calhoun and Miller.

Also,

By Mr. Cook—

A bill to provide for the payment of teachers of the common schools of this State.

Also,

By Mr. Henderson—

A bill to change the fall term of Irwin superior court.

The following House resolution was read and adopted:

By Mr. Price—

A resolution extending regrets at the unfortunate misunderstanding which prevented the committee appointed to receive the Legislature of Alabama.

The unfinished business was again taken up, which is the general appropriation bill.

The following amendment was offered:

Amend by striking the figures \$1,000,000.00 from the committee amendment and insert in lieu thereof the figures \$600,000.00.

The previous question was called.

And upon the adoption of this amendment the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Moye,	Thompson,
Daniel,	McGehee,	Webb,
Fouche,	Passmore,	Wight,
Heard,	Rawling,	Wood.
Hodge,	Redding,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hand,	Steed,
Bunn,	Johnson,	Sutton,
Clifton,	King,	Terrell,
Dickerson,	Lang,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	Little,	Underwood,
Greene,	Mann,	West,
Gross,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Perkins,	Wingfield.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Davis,	Morrison,	Nesbitt,
Humphreys,	McLester,	Mr. President.

The amendment was lost.

The committee proposes to amend by striking out the figures \$800,000.00 and insert the figures \$100,000.00, and upon this amendment the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Johnson,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Lang,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Mann,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Odom,	West,
Greene,	Perkins,	Wingfield,
Gross,	Steed,	Wood.
Hand,		

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Little,	Thompson,
Daniel,	Moye,	Webb,

Fouche,	McGehee,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wilcox,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.
Hodge,	Redding,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Davis,	Morrison,	Nesbitt.
Humphreys,	McLester,	

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Blalock gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate in defeating the amendment just lost.

Mr. Fouche proposes to amend section 4 by adding at the end of said section the words, Provided none of the school fund shall be used except in instructing children in the elementary branches of an English education only.

The previous question was called.

Upon the adoption of the amendment the ayes and nays were ordered and the vote was as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Little,	Redding,
Daniel,	Moye,	Thompson,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Webb,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wight,
Hodge,	Rawlings,	Wood.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hand,	Sutton,
Bunn,	Johnson,	Terrell,

Clifton,	King,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Lang,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Mann,	West,
Greene,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Gross,	Perkins,	Wingfield.
Grovenstein,	Steed,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Davis,	Morrison,	Nesbitt,
Humphreys,	McLester,	Mr. President.

The amendment was lost.

The committee proposes the following amendment to section 6, For the geological survey the sum of \$8,000.

Upon this amendment the ayes and nays were ordered and the vote was as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Hodge,	Thrasher,
Bunn,	Johnson,	Underwood,
Dickerson,	Odom,	Webb,
Fouche,	Perkins,	West,
Greene,	Rawlings,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Steed,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Sutton,	Wingfield.
Heard,	Terrell,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Little,	Redding,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dowling,	Moye,	Wood.
Gross,	McGehee,	
King,	Passmore,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Lang,	Nesbitt,
Davis,	Morrison,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,	McLester,	

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Little gave notice that he would move to reconsider the geological appropriation.

The committee proposes to amend section 6 by adding \$150 to pending fund for the purpose of printing the geological reports.

Which amendment was lost.

Mr. Bunn gave notice that he would move to reconsider this amendment.

Mr. King gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate on the adoption of section 1, so far as the same relates to the salary of State Librarian.

Mr. Bunn gave notice that he would move to reconsider the action of the Senate in defeating the amendment appropriating \$150 for the purpose of purchasing a flag for the 3d Ga. Regiment.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Johnson,	Sutton,
Daniel,	King,	Thompson,

Dowling,	Little,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	Moye,	Underwood,
Greene,	McGehee,	Webb,
Grovenstein,	Passmore,	Wight,
Heard,	Rawlings,	Wilcox,
Hodge,	Redding,	Wood.

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hand,	Steed,
Bunn,	Mann,	Terrell,
Dickerson,	Odom,	West,
Gross,	Perkins,	Wingfield.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Lang,	Nesbitt,
Davis,	Morrison,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,	McLester,	

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended.

Mr. Dickerson gave notice that he would move to reconsider the bill to-morrow.

The following House bills were read second time with diverse report from committee.

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to amend section 431 of the Code of 1895.

Report of committee agreed to and bill lost.

Also,

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to amend section 815 of vol. 3 of the Code of 1895.

Report of committee agreed to and bill lost.

By unanimous consent House bill No. 402 was tabled for the session.

The following House bill was read third time and made special order for to-morrow :

By Mr. Stone—

A bill to provide for the maintenance and support of the Prison Commission of the State of Georgia.

The following House resolution was read third time :

By Mr. Chappell—

A resolution to provide for the payment of two extra assistant doorkeepers for the House of Representatives.

This being an appropriation the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,  
Brannen,  
Bunn,  
Daniel,

Johnson,  
King,  
Little,  
Moye,

Sutton,  
Terrell,  
Thrasher,  
Underwood,



Dickerson,	McGehee,	Webb,
Fouche,	Passmore,	West,
Greene,	Perkins,	Wight,
Gross,	Rawlings,	Wilcox,
Grovenstein,	Redding,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Steed,	Wood.
Heard,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Lang,	Nesbitt,
Davis,	Mann,	Odom,
Dowling,	Morrison,	Thompson,
Hodge,	McLester,	Mr. President.
Humphreys,		

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed as amended, and the amendments were to appropriate \$150.00 for the indexing of the Journals of the House and Senate for the year 1898.

Mr. Lang was granted leave of absence until to-morrow afternoon on account of sickness.

Upon motion of Mr. Daniel the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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Senate Chamber, Atlanta, Ga.,  
Saturday, December 17, 1898.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock, and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Senator McGehee.

Upon the call of the roll the following members answered to their names:

Blalock,	Johnson,	Redding,
Brannen,	King,	Ste d,
Bunn,	Lang,	Sutton,
Clifton,	Little,	Terrell,
Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Dowling,	Moye,	Underwood,
Fouche,	McGehee,	Webb,
Greene,	McLester,	West,
Gross,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Passmore,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Perkins,	Wood.
Hodge,	Rawlings,	Mr. President.

Those absent were Messrs.—

Davis,	Humphreys,
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The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Hand moved to reconsider the action of the Senate in passing the general appropriation bill on yesterday.

The previous question was called.

Upon this motion the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follow :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Mann,	Terrell,
Clifton,	Odom,	West,
Dickerson,	Perkins,	Wingfield.
Hand,	Steed,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	Johnson,	Redding,
Bunn,	King,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Little,	Thompson,
Dowling,	Morrison,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	Moye,	Underwood,
Gross,	McGehee,	Webb,
Grovenstein,	Nesbitt,	Wight,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wilcox,
Hodge,	Rawlings,	Wood.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Davis,	Humphreys,	McLester,
Greene,	Lang,	Mr. President.

The motion was lost.

The appropriation bill was ordered immediately transmitted to the House.

Mr. Redding, chairman of the Committee on Special Judiciary, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee has had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit:

A bill to amend an act to create a board of Commissioners for Baldwin county.

Also,

A bill to establish the city court of Habersham county.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F REDDING, Chairman.

The following resolution was read and adopted :

By Mr. Wingfield—

A resolution to appoint a committee of two from the Senate and three from the House to investigate the head of the Geological Department.

The following Senate bill was read first time :

By Mr. McGehee—

A bill to prohibit the sale and manufacture of spirituous liquors in this State.

Referred to the Temperance Committee.

Mr. Hand, chairman of the Committee on Banks, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Banks have had under consideration the following House bills, to wit, which they instruct me to report back with the recommendation that the same do pass :

A bill to amend section 982 of the Code of Georgia of 1895 providing for the selection by the Governor of banks in certain cities therein named as State depositories, so as to add the city of Dublin.

Also,

A bill to amend section 1916, volume 2 of Code of 1895

by striking from the third line thereof the word "collateral."

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. HAND, Chairman.

Mr. West, chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee have had under consideration the following House bills, which they instruct me to report back with recommendation that same do pass, to wit :

A bill to repeal an act incorporating the town of Warsaw.

Also,

A bill to incorporate the town of Pavo.

Also,

A bill to amend the charter of Monroe.

Also,

A bill to amend the charter of Griffin.

Also,

A bill to amend the charter of the City of Augusta.

Also,

A bill to amend an Act to incorporate a board of commissioners of Spalding and Butts counties.

Also,

A bill to take out of the village of Summerville lands of Mrs. M. B. Wright.

Also,

A bill to amend the charter of the City of Griffin.

Also,

A bill to establish a system of public schools for the City of Tifton.

Also,

A bill to amend the Act creating a city court for Gwinnett county.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Mr. Wright, chairman of the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit :

A bill to levy and collect a tax for the support of the State government and the public institutions thereof, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

ED. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

Mr. McGehee, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee on Temperance has under consideration the following House bill which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to establish, maintain and regulate a dispensary in the town of Comer, Madison county, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. McGEHEE, Chairman.

Mr. Heard, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossing, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The committee report as duly engrossed the following resolution, and ready to be transmitted to the House, to wit:

A resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the Geological department.

Respectfully submitted,

COLUMBUS HEARD, Chairman.

Also,

By Mr. Bunn—

A bill to prohibit railroad companies or express compa-

nies from carrying spirits into a county of this State where the same is not sold.

Ordered engrossed and tabled.

The following House bills were read the third time :

By Mr. Bond—

A bill to establish and maintain a dispensary in the town of Comer, Ga.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28 ; nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Hamby—

A bill to give County Boards of Education of the several counties of this State full power to regulate the public school terms, and for other purposes.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended.

And the amendment was as follows :

Amend by striking out all of section 1 after the word "counties" in the 6th line of said section

By unanimous consent the following House bill was taken up to be put upon its passage :



By Mr. Freeman—

A bill to levy and collect a tax for the support of the State government and public institutions of this State.

The committee proposes to amend as follows :

Upon every circus company or others giving an exhibition beneath or within a canvass inclosure advertised in print or by parade, or in any manner whatsoever as a circus, menagerie, hippodrome, spectacle or show implying a circus, in or near cities or towns of five thousand inhabitants or more, four hundred (\$400.00) dollars ; in or near cities or towns of four thousand inhabitants and under 5,000 inhabitants, three hundred dollars, and in or near cities or towns of less than 4,000 inhabitants, \$200.00 each day that it exhibits in the State of Georgia ; and upon all dogs and horse shows or shows of like character, beneath a tent, canvass or inclosure, charging an admission fee of more than 25 cents, \$30.00, and with an admission fee not exceeding said amount, \$10.00 for each day it may exhibit in the State of Georgia. Said tax shall be for educational purposes.

The following committee amendment was adopted.

By striking out the figures \$100.00 in the last line of the printed bill and insert in lieu thereof the figures \$50.00

The following amendment was adopted.

By Mr. Steed—

Amend section 2, paragraph 26 in line 127, by striking out the words patent device and upon all persons selling county rights or State rights, or territory for the exclusive sale of any patented article or other property, after the word or, in the 127th line, and before the word not, in 129th line, and insert in lieu thereof the word patented articles.

Amend section 2, paragraph second, by inserting between the word “dentistry” and the word “or” in the first line thereof the word “pharmacy.”

Amend section 2, paragraph 3, line 21, by adding the following after the word “city” in said line, the words “or within 10 miles of the limits thereof.”

Amend section 2, paragraph 29, by adding the following: “Upon every park or place where there is baseball played, the amount shall be \$25.00 in places of less than 10,000 inhabitants,” instead of \$50.00.

Amend section 2, paragraph 19, by substituting the following: “Upon all agents of packing houses doing business in this State \$100.00 in each county where such business is carried on.”

Amend section 6 of Tax Act by inserting in lieu of said section the following:

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the presidents of all building and loan associations or

other associations of like character shall be required to return to the tax-receiver of the county where such associations are located, at its true market value, the stock of such associations owned by the stockholders thereof (upon which, as shown by the books of such association, no advance has been made or money borrowed thereon by the individual stockholders therein), to be taxed as other moneyed capital in the hands of private individuals is taxed; *provided*, that no tax shall be required of building and loan associations to be paid upon any portion of their capital which has been loaned or advanced to a shareholder upon real estate, upon which real estate tax is payable by said shareholder; and *provided further*, that the taxes required by this section shall be in lieu of all other taxes and licenses, whether State, county or municipal, against said association, except a business license by the town or city in which the principal office of any such association is located, and except a fee required to be paid the State Treasurer by the Act approved October 19th, 1891.

Upon this amendment the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	McGehee,	Thompson,
Brannen,	Nesbitt,	Thrasher,
Bunn,	Passmore,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Perkins,	West,
Greene,	Rawlings,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Redding,	Wilcox,
Johnson,	Steed,	Wingfield.
Little,	Sutton,	
Morrison,	Terrell,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Daniel,	Heard,	Moye,
Dickerson,	Hodge,	Odom,
Fouche,	King,	Webb.
Gross,	Mann,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Humphreys,	Wood,
Davis,	Lang,	Mr. President.
Hand,	McLester,	

Ayes 25, nays 11.

Substitute was adopted.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof :

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit :

A resolution providing that all bills not finally disposed of shall be considered as unfinished business, to be acted upon at the next session of the General Assembly.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof :

*Mr. President:*

The House has concurred in Senate amendments Nos. 6 and 8, and refused to concur in Senate amendments Nos.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to make appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary Departments of the State Government, payment of the public debt and the interest thereon, and for other purposes.

— The House has also concurred in the Senate amendments to the following resolution of the House, as amended, to wit:

A resolution to provide for the payment of two extra assistant door-keepers for the House of Representatives for the session of 1898, and for other purposes.

: The General Tax bill was temporarily displaced for the purpose of considering the General Appropriation bill just received from the House.

Mr. Winfield moved that the Senate insist on its amendment, as follows:

To strike out the figure 6 and insert 25 as the number of committeemen to visit the different institutions.

The Senate also insists on the following amendments:

To appropriate \$8,000 for the Geological Survey.

The Senate also insists on its amendments as follows:

Also amend section 4, line 115, by striking out the word \$12,500 and inserting in lieu thereof the figures \$20,000.00.

Also, amend section 6, line 27, by inserting \$1,500.00 for salary of Entomologist and one thousand dollars for his expenses, to be paid out of the inspection of oils and fertilizers.

Also, amend section 6, by striking out of line 28 the word ten and inserting five.

Mr. West moved that the Senate recede from its amendment in abolishing the office of Special Attorney of the W & A. Railroad.

The motion prevailed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has appointed upon the part of the House, as a Conference Committee on House bill No. 135, to wit:

A bill to amend the charter of the Home Loan and Banking Company of Atlanta: Messrs. Brandon, Hall of Bibb, and Duncan.

The House has also concurred in the Senate amendments to the following bills of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend section 105 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to fix the boundary line between the States of Georgia and South Carolina, along the river front of

the city of Augusta as the boundary of said city, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend section 1 of an Act to prescribe three grades of complete commercial fertilizers, and for other purposes.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Brunswick.

Also, a bill to give County Boards of Education full power to regulate the public school terms.

Mr. Blalock moved that the Senate reconsider its action in refusing to recede from its amendment in reference to the contingent fund, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Hand then moved that the Senate recede from its amendment of \$5,000.00 in the place of \$10,000.00 contingent fund, which motion prevailed.

Mr. Blalock moved that when the Senate adjourn this morning it will reconvene at 3 o'clock this afternoon, which motion prevailed.

The committee appointed to confer with House committee on House bill No. 135 were Messrs. Steed, West and Brannen.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Senate stood adjourned until 3 o'clock P.M.

3 O'clock P.M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment, at 3 o'clock.

Was called to order by the president.

Upon motion of Mr. Wingfield, the roll call was dispensed with.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution authorizing the Governor to appoint a committee to consider the true northern boundary of the State, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 89, nays 1.

The House has also passed, as amended, the following bill of the Senate, to wit:

A bill to fix the number of committeemen to visit the various institutions of the State and to fix their compensation.

Passed. Ayes 94, nays 0.

The House has also passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the Senate, to wit:



A bill to amend section 3950 of the Code of 1895.

Passed. Ayes 98, nays 0.

The House has also passed by the requisite constitutional majority the following bills of the Senate, to wit :

A bill to amend section 2835 of the Code of 1895, relating to the approval and recording of homesteads in this State.

Passed, ayes 99, nays 8.

Also, a bill to amend section 5541 of the Civil Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed, ayes 91, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 2867 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed, ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend section 107 of vol. 1 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed, ayes 92, nays 0.

Also, a bill to provide who may redeem property sold at tax sale.

Passed, ayes 94, nays 0.

Also, a bill to dispense with a motion for new trial and authorizing a direct bill of exceptions in certain cases.

Passed, ayes 95, nays 0.

Also a bill to amend section 5401 of vol. 2 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed, ayes 90, nays 0.

Also, a bill to amend paragraph 7 of section 107 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

Passed, ayes 92, nays 0.

Also a bill to allow county officers until the first day of January next after the election in which to file bonds, and for other purposes.

Passed, ayes 100, nays 0.

The House has also concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit :

A resolution to more fully investigate the State sanitarium, and for other purposes.

Passed, ayes 102, nays 0.

The unfinished business was resumed, which is the General Tax Act.

The following amendments were adopted by adding 20 before the word 5 in the 7th line of section 10. Also, by striking out the words "or corporation" in line 12 of section between the words "county" and "tax."

Mr. Brannen moved to reconsider section 2, paragraph 28 of this bill, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Mr. Brannen the old tax of \$5 was left as before.

The committee propose to amend by adding at the end of section 12: Provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to levy any tax on real or personal property held or owned by any bank or banking associations, the value of which is represented in the market value of its shares of stock. That each bank or banking association shall pay tax on its surplus and undivided profits when the same are not included in the market value of its shares.

Which amendment was adopted.

Committee also amends by striking out paragraph 38 of section 16.

Also by striking out the words, "and of this State" in the 54th line of section 16.

The committee propose to amend section 16 by adding at the end thereof the following questions :

How many dollars have you got invested in real or personal property, which property the party whose deed or bill of sale you have the option or privilege to repurchase?

Question : How long since you invested said money ?

Question: Have you heretofore returned said money for taxation and how and in what way have you returned it ?

Question : What is the gross and what is the net value

of all the State, county and municipal tax *fi. fas.* held by you as transferee ?

Question : Give the names of the defendants and the dates and amounts of the *fi. fas.* and the notes of your transfer ?

Question : What is the gross amount and what the actual market value of all the city or county scrip or certificates of indebtedness, including jury tickets.

Amendments were adopted.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 31, nays 0; the bill having received the required constitutional majority, was passed as amended.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House refuses to recede from its refusal to concur in Senate amendments to House bill No. 139, and has appointed the following as conference Committees on part of the House, to wit :

On increase of Committeemen's expenses, Messrs. King of Houston, Price of Oconee, and Laing of Terrell.

On Rock College, Messrs. Ellis of Bibb, Jordan of Jasper, Howard of Chattahoochee.

On Entomologist, Messrs. Stubbs of Laurens, Johnson of Floyd, Copeland of Walker.

On Contingent fund, Messrs. Ousley of Lowndes, Smith of Hall, and Rudicil of Chattooga.

On Geological Department, Messrs. Bell of Forsyth, Knowles of Fulton, Everett of Stewart.

Mr. Little, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Agriculture has had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same do pass as amended, to wit:

No. 408. A bill to amend and consolidate the laws governing the inspection, analysis, and sale of Commercial fertilizers, etc., and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. LITTLE, Chairman.

The following are the committeemen appointed to confer on the following matters with the House committees:

Geological department, Messrs. Underwood, Bunn and Wingfield.

Rock College, Thrasher, Hand and Odom.

Entomologist, Nesbit, Little and Hodge.

Pay of Committees, Perkins, Wood and Passmore.

The next special order was :

By Mr. Stone—

A bill to provide for the maintenance and support of the Prison Commission.

This being an appropriation, the ayes and nays were called on its passage and the vote was as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	King,	Terrell,
Brannen,	Lang,	Thompson,
Bunn,	Mann,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	Odom,	West,
Gross,	Passmore,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Perkins,	Wilcox,
Hand,	Redding,	Wingfield,
Heard,	Steed,	Wood.
Johnson,	Sutton,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

McGehee.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Hodge,	Nesbitt,
Daniel,	Humphreys,	Rawlings,
Davis,	Little,	Mr. President.
Greene,	McLester,	

Ayes 32, nays 1.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

*Mr. President:*

The undersigned conference committee on House bill No. 135, beg leave to report to the Senate that they have conferred with the conference committee on the part of the House and have agreed to recede from the amendment made by the Senate.

W E. STEED, Chairman.

W. S. WEST,

J. A. BRANNEN.

The report was agreed to and the Senate recesses.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the following joint resolution of the House in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked to wit:

A resolution to appoint committees to visit Educational Institutions belonging to the state.

Also,

A resolution to require Clerk of House and Secretary of Senate to mail to each member of the General Assembly a statement of the unfinished business of the present session.

Mr. Dickerson, chairman of the Penitentiary committee, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

Your committee charged with the duty of inspecting the condition and reporting thereon of the Penitentiary convicts of the state, beg leave to submit as the result of their investigation, this report :

The shortness of time allowed and pressing legislative duties have not permitted that thorough investigation essential to correct conclusions.

For evident reasons a committee hastily visiting a camp can not always obtain the true situation and condition of the convicts, and it would be much better, in the opinion of the committee, that these investigations be made in vacation, when more time could be had for the work.

The wise and judicious management of the Penitentiary Department deserves high commendation.

Such abuses as may exist are not chargeable to any neglect on the part of those officials, and the leasing of the convicts under the new law, from the best information we can obtain both from the prices paid for them by the lessees and the estimated cost of guarding and taking care of them, promises in our opinion to yield a much greater amount of revenue for the State than under the former law.

We believe the new system will prove much more satisfactory than the old one. The condition of the camps is set forth more fully in the reports of the sub-committees appointed to visit and inspect them.

The committee appointed to visit the camps at Smith-



onia in Oglethorpe county, and Heardmont in Elbert county, kept by James M. Smith and W. H. Mattox, report as follows:

We have visited said camps and find them in splendid condition, not a case of sickness in either camp, said camps being neatly kept in every particular. There has not been a death in the camp of W. H. Mattox during the year 1898, and only two in the camp of James M. Smith, one from consumption and one from dropsy. The convicts are well fed and well clothed and seem to be as cheerful as their circumstances will admit. We do most heartily commend the management of these two camps. No complaint was heard from any convict. No escapes in two years; 13 whites and 87 colored.

Signed,

G. C. DANIEL,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed to visit the camps of Worth No. 2 and Worth No. 3, in Worth county, report as follows:

We found both of said camps in excellent condition. The convicts showed plainly that they were well fed and clothed and humanely treated, and there is no excuse for any complaint against either of said camps.

Signed,

LEONIDAS McLESTER,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed to visit the camp of Cruger & Pace, at Albany in Dougherty county, submit the following report:

We found at camp 37 colored male convicts, none of which were sick, and that they were well taken care of in every way. The buildings were clean and well kept and no complaint was made to us.

Signed, WM. M. MORRISON,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed to visit the camp of Jones, in Morgan county, submit the following report:

We, the Sub-Committee appointed to visit the convict camp in Morgan county known as Jones Camp, submit the following report: We visited camp and found the camp clean and the convicts apparently in good health. We found 4 white convicts and 31 negroes, all males. We believe they are being humanely treated.

Signed, WM. M. MORRISON,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed to examine and report the conditions of Bainbridge camp, Jakin camp, and Saffold camp, submit the following report:

1st. At the Bainbridge camp we find seventy-seven inmates, fourteen white and sixty-three colored. We find the camp in a thorough sanitary condition, convicts all in good health, well clothed, clean and comfortable, rations

ample and well prepared and the convicts well and humanely treated.

Second. We find seventy-five convicts at Jakin, all colored. This camp seems to be in thorough sanitary condition and the convicts humanely treated and are in good health. They are well and comfortably clothed, rations ample and well prepared.

Third. We find at Saffold camp forty convicts, three white and thirty-seven colored. The sanitary condition of this camp seems to be in good condition, the convicts are humanely treated, they are well and comfortably clothed, rations ample and well prepared.

LEONIDAS McLESTER,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed to visit Richwood, Pitts, and Cromer camps, submit the following report:

Your committee found the above named camps in splendid sanitary condition, only one convict slightly sick at Cromer, one at Pitts and none at Richwood. The convicts are apparently well fed and well cared for.

Some few complaints were made by convicts at Pitts for lack of sufficient cover at night. These complaints were communicated to the captain of the camp, who said the complaints were unfounded.

We recommend the pardon of Cole Baldwin (colored),

serving at Cromer. He is now quite old, eyesight is impaired, has served eleven years in the penitentiary faithfully, and has always been obedient to his bosses.

We recommend the pardon of Red Jarrell (white), serving at Pitts. The judge who sentenced him, solicitor who prosecuted him and the jurors who signed the verdict against him, all join in a request for his pardon.

We recommend the pardon of Scrop Murray (colored), serving at Pitts. He was convicted of rape on one of his own color. He has served two years. Since being at Pitts has had both legs broken.

We recommend the pardon of Dr. Lewis Hanby, serving at Pitts.

W E. MANN,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee, appointed to visit the camps of Haylow and Alexanderville, find said camps in good condition and well kept. They report as follows :

We the undersigned committee, appointed to visit the camps of Haylow and Alexanderville, find said camps in good condition and well kept.

W J. GREENE,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

The sub-committee, appointed to visit the camps of Cole City and the Durham Mines, submit the following report :

We the undersigned committee, appointed to visit the camps of Cole City in the county of Dade, and the Durham camps in the county of Walker, find said camps in good condition and well managed. The Cole City camp, under the management of Dr. Brock, while the most hardened criminals in the State are located there, is managed well, and we think Dr. Brock should be retained under the new law, as his experience will no doubt be of great use to the Commission in successfully handling the Penitentiary Department. We only found two in hospital and death rate low. Food furnished of good quality and diversified.

A. N. GROVENSTEIN,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

All the above is respectfully submitted.

R. G. DICKERSON,

Chairman Committee on Penitentiary.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor, through his Secretary, Mr. Hitch, to wit :

*Mr. President :*

I am directed by the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication to which he respectfully invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

The following resolution was read and adopted :

By Mr. Fouche—

A resolution that all the bills and resolutions now in the hands of committees be returned to the secretary and go over as unfinished business.

The following resolution was read and adopted :

By Mr. Bunn—

A resolution to authorize the Governor to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer for \$100 to purchase a flag for the 3d Georgia Regiment, to be paid out of the military fund.

The following Senate resolution was read and tabled :

By Mr. West—

A resolution to urge the Governor to retain the Hon. W. A. Wimbish as special attorney of the W & A. Railroad for the ensuing two years.

Upon motion, the following House bills and resolutions were read third time, to be put upon their passage :

By Mr. McCranie—

A bill to establish a system of public schools for the city of Tifton in the county of Berrien.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 32, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Allen—

A bill to amend the Act creating a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Baldwin.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 32, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to amend the Act to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the counties of Spalding and Butts.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 31, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Jarnagin—

A bill to incorporate the town of Camak in the county of Warren.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bass—

A bill to establish a city court in Clarkesville in the county of Habersham.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 30, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reid—

A bill to repeal the existing charter of the town of Hillman, and create a new one for said city.

Upon motion, the bill was tabled.

Also,

By Mr. Hutchins—

A bill to alter and amend the Act establishing the city court of Gwinnett county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bell—

A bill to amend the Act establishing the charter of the city of Griffin in the county of Spalding.



Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to prohibit the sale or manufacture of spirituous liquors in the county of Butts.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Simpson—

A bill to prohibit the sale of wines within two miles of the court-house in the town of Alpharetta in the county of Milton.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Ogletree—

A bill to create a Board of Commissioners of Roads and Revenues for the county of Butts.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 33, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof :

*Mr. President:*

The House has passed, by the requisite constitutional majority, the following bills of the Senate, to wit :

A bill to amend an Act incorporating the town of Newton in Baker county, and for other purposes.

Passed. Ayes 102, nays 0.

Also, the following bill, having failed to receive a constitutional majority, was lost, to wit :

A bill to amend section 1 of an Act requiring corporations doing life insurance business in this State upon the assessment plan to print on their policies, "This contract issued upon the assessment plan," and for other purposes.

The House has also adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on the part of the House on House bill No. 139, and recedes from its action refusing to concur in Senate amendment fixing salary of Entomologist.

*Mr. President:*

Your committee appointed to confer with the committee from the House on the matter of the appropriation to the State Normal School of Athens report that they have

conferred with said committe, and find it impossible to agree with them upon the question submitted, and respectfully ask that they be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

B. E. THRASHER,

Chairman Committee on part of Senate to consult on School Fund for the Rock College at Athens.

Mr. West, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The Committee on Corporations has had under consideration the following House bill, which they instruct me to report back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the same do pass, to wit :

A bill to provide for the incorporation of trust companies, to define their rights and powers, and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted.

W S. WEST, Chairman.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to take out and exclude from the village of Summerville the lands of Mrs. M. B. Wright.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 33, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Messrs. Smith and Sloan—

A bill to establish the City Court of Hall county.

Mr. Underwood offered the following amendment: Provided that this Act shall not take effect until January 1, 1899. The amendment was lost.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 3.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Reynolds—

A bill to amend the Act incorporating the city of Augusta, to improve the public roads in its neighborhood.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Messrs. Stone and Felker—

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Monroe, in the county of Walton.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 32, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bell--

A bill to amend the Act establishing the charter for the city of Griffin, adopted February 15, 1876.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Allen--

A bill to establish a system of working the streets of the city of Milledgeville.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 26, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Harris—

A bill to incorporate the town of Pavo, in the counties of Thomas and Brooks.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to repeal section 4 of an Act incorporating the town of Warsaw, in Chatham county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 28, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The House amendment to the Senate amendment to the following House resolution was concurred in :

By Mr. Chappell—

A resolution to appropriate the money to pay two extra door-keepers for the House of Representatives.

The amendment appropriates money for the elevator boy ; also for indexing journals of House and Senate.

The following Senate bills were taken up, with House amendment, and concurred in :

By Mr. King—

A bill to fix the number of committeemen to visit the different State institutions.

Also,

By Mr. Brannen--

A bill to amend section 2636 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, which provides a penalty for the use of one person's name in a firm when the person is not a member.

The House amendments were concurred in.

The following House bill was read the 3d time, to be put upon its passage :

By Mr. Knowles--

A bill to make an appropriation to the trustees of the State University for the maintenance and support of the Textile Department of the Technological School.

Upon the passage of the bill, this being an appropriation, the ayes and nays were called, and the vote was as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Hodge,	Sutton,
Brannen,	Johnson,	Terrell,
Bunn,	Little,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Nesbitt,	Underwood,
Fouche,	Odom,	West,
Greene,	Passmore,	Wight,
Grovenstein,	Perkins,	Wingfield.
Hand,	Redding,	
Heard,	Steed,	

Those voting in the negative were Messrs.—

Daniel,	Mann,	Thompson,
Gross,	McGehee,	Webb.
King,		

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Lang,	Rawlings,
Davis,	Morrison,	Wilcox,
Dowling,	Moye,	Wood'
Humphreys,	McLester,	Mr. President.

Ayes 25, nays 7

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Duncan—

A bill to amend section 2334 of the Civil Code of 1895, fixing the venue in suits brought against railroad companies.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 23, nays 1.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The Second Conference Committee on the part of Senate to confer with House Committee on the Rock College appropriation are: Messrs. Nesbitt, Steed and Blalock.

*Mr President:*

We, the committee appointed to confer with the com-



mittee on the part of the House of Representatives, relative to that part of section 3, of House bill 139, for compensation for the several committeemen to visit the several public institutions of the State to be paid \$25.00, instead of \$6.00 as passed by the House of Representatives, submit the following report: We have met the House Committee and failed to agree, and we further submit that it is impossible for these committees to agree, and the committee ask to be discharged.

Respectfully,

M. T. PERKINS,

A. P. PASSMORE,

J. S. WOOD.

Also,

By Mr. McLaughlin—

A bill to regulate the payment of fees to attorneys and receivers appointed in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 27, nays 3.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Bennett—

A bill to change the time of holding the superior courts in the counties of Dougherty, Mitchell, Worth, Baker, Decatur, Calhoun and Miller.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Cook—

A bill to provide for the payment of teachers of the public schools monthly.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 24, nays 0

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following is the second committee appointed to confer with House Committee on the expenses of committeemen: Messrs. Dickerson, Mann and Grovenstein.

Upon motion of Mr. Odom, the Senate adjourned until to-night at 8 o'clock.

8 O'clock p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock, and was called to order by the President.

Upon motion of Mr. Odom, the roll call was dispensed with.

The following House bills and resolutions were read third time and put upon their passage.

By Mr. Dews—

A resolution to pay the Hon. W T. Jones the balance due, if any, on his per diem.

This being an appropriation, the ayes and nays were ordered and the vote was as follows:

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Brannen,	King,	Sutton,
Daniel,	Little,	Thompson,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Thrasher,
Fouche,	McGhee,	Webb,
Greene,	Nesbitt,	West,
Grovenstein,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Heard,	Passmore,	Wood.
Hodge,	Redding,	

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Humphries,	Rawlings,
Bunn,	Johnson,	Steed,
Clifton,	Lang,	Terrell,
Davis,	Mann,	Underwood,
Dowling,	Morrison,	Wight,
Gross,	McLester,	Wingfield,
Hand,	Perkins,	Mr. President.

Ayes 23, Nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Price—

A resolution to pay to the widow of O. F. Johnson pension due him for the year 1898.

This being an appropriation, the ayes and nays were ordered, and the vote was as follows :

Those voting in the affirmative were Messrs.—

Blalock,	Heard,	Redding,
Brannen,	Hodge,	Sutton,
Bunn,	King,	Thompson,
Daniel,	Little,	Thrasher,
Dickerson,	Moye,	Webb,
Fouche,	McGehee,	West,
Greene,	Odom,	Wilcox,
Gross,	Passmore,	Wood.

Those not voting were Messrs.—

Clifton,	Lang,	Steed,
Davis,	Mann,	Terrell,
Dowling,	Morrison,	Underwood,
Grovenstein,	McLester,	Wight,
Hand,	Nesbitt,	Wingfield,
Humphries,	Perkins,	Mr. President.
Johnson,	Rawlings,	

Ayes 24, nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Stone—

For the relief of A. M. Hill, of Walton county.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution to authorize Mr. W. H. Harrison, of Fulton county, to publish the Public Acts of this General Assembly.

The resolution was adopted.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The Committee of Conference on House bill No. 139 on the part of the House, consisting of Messrs. Price of Oconee, Laing and King, to confer with a like committee from the Senate, on expense of committeemen, having reported that they were unable to agree, the following were appointed as a new Committee of Conference on Expenses of Committeemen, to wit :

Messrs. Park of Greene, McLaughlin and Stone.

The Committee of Conference on House bill No. 139 on Rock College, having also announced that they were unable to agree, the following were appointed as a new Conference Committee on behalf the House, to wit :

Messrs. Freeman, Johnson of Bartow, Everett of Polk.

Also,

By Mr. Yates—

A resolution for the relief of James R. Cravans, of Catoosa county.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The resolution having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following House resolutions were read and adopted:

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution to require the clerk of the House and Secretary of Senate to mail to each member of the General Assembly a statement of the unfinished business.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution to appoint committees to visit the educational institutions of this State.

Also,

By Mr. Slaton—

A resolution that all bills not finally disposed of shall go on as unfinished business till next session.

The following message was received from his Excellency

the Governor, through Mr. C. M. Hitch, one of the Secretaries of the Executive Department :

*Mr. President :*

I am instructed by his Excellency the Governor to deliver to the Senate a sealed communication, to which he invites the consideration of your honorable body in executive session.

The following House bill was read third time and indefinitely postponed :

By Mr. Slaton—

A bill to provide a uniform tax receipt for the tax collectors of this State.

The following House bills and resolutions were read third time :

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to require all claimants of land sold under the wild land tax *fi. fas.* to make claim for same within 36 months.

Upon the passage of the resolution the ayes were 23, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

By Mr. Allen—

A bill to authorize the graduates of the normal depart-

ment of the Normal and Industrial College to teach without being further examined.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 24, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority, was passed.

The following resolution was read third time and tabled.

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution tendering the thanks of the people of Georgia to Mr. Bayard M. Fowler for his services during the Omaha Exposition.

This resolution was read third time and adopted.

By Mr. Calvin—

A resolution regarding the marking of the Confederate graves who died in the Northern prisons.

Also,

By Mr. Whiteley—

A bill to amend section 1642 of vol. 1 of the Code relative to the exemption of Confederate veterans in certain instances.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 23, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.



Also,

By Mr. Chappell—

A bill to provide for the incorporating of trust companies and to define their powers and duties.

Upon the passage of the bill ayes were 24, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to provide for an embalming board for the State.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 17, nays 8. The bill not having received the requisite constitutional majority was lost.

Also,

By Mr. Willingham—

A bill to regulate and control the expenditure of county funds as far as the same relates to the purchasing of goods, etc.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 26, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Holder—

A bill to allow the State of Georgia to be sued in certain cases as owner of the Northeastern Railroad.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 23, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Calvin—

A bill to amend section 1916 of vol. 2 of the Code of 1895 by striking from the 3d line the word collateral.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 23, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Moore—

A bill to amend section 5462 of the Code of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 19, nays 4. The bill not having received the requisite constitutional majority was lost.

Also,

By Mr. LaRoche—

A bill to amend section 1700 of the Code of 1895 relative to oyster beds in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 25, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

Also,

By Mr. Henderson—

A bill to change the time of holding the fall term of the superior court of Irwin county.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 26, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following House bill was reconsidered and put upon its passage :

By Mr. Moore—

A bill to amend section 5462 of the Code of 1895.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 25, nays 0. The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended.

Mr. Nesbitt, Chairman of the committee on the part of the Senate to confer with similar committee on the part of the House on the amendment to the general appropriation bill providing salary for an entomologist and for payment of his expenses, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President:*

The conference committee on the amendment of the Senate to the appropriation bill, making appropriation for the salary of the entomologist and for his expenses have agreed

and recommend that the House recede from its disagreement to the Senate amendment, and concur in the same.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. NESBITT, Chairman.

The report was agreed to.

Also,

By Mr. Jordan—

A bill to amend and consolidate the several Acts governing the inspection of fertilizers in this State.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 29, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed as amended.

Also,

By Mr. Stubbs—

A bill to amend section 982 of the Code of Georgia of 1895, providing for the selection of State depositories.

Upon the passage of the bill the ayes were 25, nays 0.

The bill having received the requisite constitutional majority was passed.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof.

*Mr. President:*

The House has concurred in the following Senate amendments to House bill No. 139, to wit: amendment No. 1, which amends section 2, paragraph 29, "provided in place of less than ten thousand inhabitants, twenty-five dollars."

Amendment No. 4, which amends section 2, paragraph 26 in line 127, by striking out the words "patent devices and upon all persons selling county rights or State rights or territory for the exclusive sale of any patent article or other property" after the word "or" in the 127th line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "patented article."

Amendment No. 2 to paragraph 3, section 2, line 21.

By adding after the word "city" in said line the words "or within ten miles of the limits thereof."

Substitute for paragraph No. 19.

Upon all agents of packing-houses doing business in this State, one hundred dollars in each county where said business is carried on.

Amendment No. 5, section 2, paragraph 2.

Upon every practitioner of law, medicine, pharmacy or dentistry, upon every architect, charging for their services as such, upon every civil, mechanical and electrical engineer, and upon the presidents of each of the express, telegraph, steamboat, telephone, electric light, sleeping and palace-car companies, building and loan associations and gas companies doing business in this State, and in case the

presidents of such companies do not reside in this State, then in such case, upon the superintendent or general agent or person in charge of the business of such companies who may reside in this State, ten dollars, and no municipal corporation or county authorities shall levy any additional tax on said professions, either as license fee or otherwise.

Amendment No. 6 to section 2, paragraph 25.

Upon all mercantile and collecting agencies, commercial agencies, and all other agencies of like character, fifty dollars in every county they have established an office.

Amend section 6 of Tax Act by inserting in lieu of said section the following to constitute section 6 :

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the presidents of all building and loan associations or other associations of like character shall be required to return to the tax-receiver of the county where such associations are located, at its true market value, the stock of such associations owned by the stockholders thereof (upon which, as shown by the books of such association, no advance has been made or money borrowed thereon by the individual stockholders therein), to be taxed as other moneyed capital in the hands of private individuals is taxed; *provided*, that no tax shall be required of building and loan associations to be paid upon any portion of their capital which has been loaned or advanced to a shareholder upon real estate, upon which real estate tax is payable by said shareholder; and *provided further*, that the taxes required by this section shall be in lieu of all other taxes and

licenses, whether State, county or municipal, against said association, except a business license by the town or city in which the principal office of any such association is located, and except a fee required to be paid the State Treasurer by the Act approved October 19th, 1891.

Amendment No. 8 to section 10, line 7

By inserting the word "twenty" after the word "of" and before the word "five," and by striking out the words "or corporation" in twelfth line.

Amend No. 14 by adding at the end of section 16 the following questions :

" How long since you so invested said money ? "

" How many dollars have you got invested in real or personal property, which property the party whose deed or bill of sale you hold has the option or privilege to repurchase ? "

The House has concurred in the following Senate amendments as amended, to wit :

Amendment to paragraph 14, section 2, providing for the levy of a tax upon every circus, hippodrome, and other show implying a circus, and for other purposes.

The House has refused to concur in the following Senate amendments to said House bill No. 139, to wit :

Amendment No. 10, amending section 12 as follows :

“Provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to levy any tax upon real or personal property held or owned by any bank or banking association, the value of which is represented in the market value of its shares of stocks; each bank or banking associations shall pay tax on its surplus and undivided profits, when the same are not included in the market value of its shares.”

Amendment No. 12 to section 16.

Also, to amend section 16 by striking out the words “and of the State,” in the 27th paragraph thereof.

Also, by striking out the 38th paragraph thereof.

Question: Have you heretofore returned said money for taxation, and how, and in what way, have you returned it?

Question: What is the gross and what is the market value of all the State, county and municipal tax *fi. fas.* held by you as transferee?

Question: Give the names of the defendants, and the dates and amounts of the *fi. fas.*, and the dates of your transfers?

Question: What is the gross amount and what is the actual value of all the city and county scrip or certificates of indebtedness, including jury tickets?

Amend section 11, by striking out the proviso at the end of the section.



The joint conference committee of the Senate and House, in reference to the expenses of the members of the Legislature in visiting the State institutions and the different prison farms and camps, agree on the following, to wit:

The total expenses of each member shall not exceed five cents per mile for his actual and necessary expenses for each mile traveled by the nearest practical route going and returning, and the maximum amount shall not exceed twenty dollars, regardless of the number of miles traveled.

R. G. DICKERSON,  
Chairman Senate Committee on Conference.

J. B. PARK, Jr.,  
Chairman House Committee.

Report of Conference Committee agreed to.

Upon motion of Mr. Wight, the Senate receded from its amendment by adding the proviso at the end of section 11 (eleven).

The Senate insists on its proviso at the end of section 12, relative to taxing banks.

The Senate insists on its substitute for paragraph 14 of section 2.

The Senate also insists upon its amendment by striking out the words, "and of this State" from line 54 of section 16.

The senate insists on its amendment by striking out the 38th paragraph of section 16.

The Senate recedes from its amendment to the 3d question asked tax payers, and insists on its amendments to the 4th, 5th and 6th questions asked tax payers.

The following House bill was read the 2d time, with adverse report from the committee :

By Mr. Simpson—

A bill to amend section 3244 of the Code of 1895.

Report of the committee was agreed to and bill lost.

The following Senate bill was read the 2d time :

By Mr. Johnson—

A bill to establish a system of public schools for the town of Blue Ridge.

The following Senate resolutions were read and adopted :

By Mr. Hodge—

A resolution extending the thanks of the Senate to the Hon. Wm. A. Dodson for the very able and impartial manner of presiding over this body.

Also,

By Mr. Gross—

A resolution tendering the thanks of the Senate to the Hon. Wm. A. Dodson for the impartial manner in which he presided over the Senate.

*Mr. President:*

We, your joint Conference committee from the Senate and House, have had under consideration the Senate amendment to House bill No. 149, known as the General Appropriation Bill, which amendment provided for the appropriation of \$8,000 for the support of the Geological department of the state, as provided by the act of 1889.

We are pleased to submit the following report as embodying the result of our conference:

We recommend that the said Senate amendment carrying the appropriation of \$8,000 for the Geological department be adopted and passed, adding, however, to the paragraph which constitutes said amendment carrying the said appropriation the following words: "Provided, that the Governor shall have the power to discontinue the operation of the said department and save the expense of the same, if, after an investigation by a joint committee to be appointed by the House and Senate, or a committee to be appointed by the Governor himself, if the Senate and House should fail to appoint such a committee, and upon the consideration of such committee's report to him the Governor shall deem it best to suspend the operations of the department; provided further, that no part of said appropriation herein made shall be expended until after said investigation has been made.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. H. UNDERWOOD,

Chairman on part of the Senate;

W C. BUNN,  
S. T WINGFIELD,

On part of the Senate.

H. P BELL,  
Chairman of House Committee.

CLARENCE KNOWLES,  
One of the House Committee.

The report was adopted.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the report of the Conference committee on the part of the House "On expenses of committeemen" to House Bill No. 139.

Mr. Nesbit, Chairman on the part of the Senate to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House, submitted the following report:

*Mr. President:*

The committee fail to agree on the appropriation for the "Rock College" and ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. NESBITT, Chairman.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Nesbitt, the following third Conference committee was appointed on the part of the Senate to confer with House committee on the Rock College appropriation: Messrs. Wight, West and Brannen.

The committee on the Tax bill are Messrs. Fouche, Hand, and Wood.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has concurred in the Senate amendment to the following bill of the House, to wit:

A bill to amend section 5462 of the Code of 1895, and for other purposes.

The House has also adopted the following joint resolution of the House, in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked, to wit:

A resolution extending thanks to Mr. Aaron French, of Pittsburg, Pa., for his gift to the textile department of the School of Technology.

The following committees were appointed:

To visit the Georgia Normal and Industrial College—Steed, Rawlings, Odom, West, Wilcox, Moye, Daniel, Dowling, Sutton, Grovenstein.

To visit State University—Nesbitt, Thrasher, Heard, Hodge, Little, Mann, Steed, McGehee, Redding, Terrell.

To visit Technological School—Wight, Mann, Clifton, Gross, Bunn, Hand, Wood, Green, Webb, Thompson.

Committee to investigate Georgia Sanitarium—Rawlings, Underwood.

To investigate the Geological Survey—Wingfield and Perkins.

On Western & Atlantic Depot—Senator West.

Georgia Agricultural College—Wight and Bunn.

The following House resolution was read and concurred in :

By Mr. Knowles—

A resolution extending sincere gratitude to Mr. Aaron French, of Pittsburg, Pa., for his gift to the Technological School.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof :

*Mr. President :*

The Conference Committee on part of the House on the Senate amendment in regard to Rock College to House bill No. 139, having reported the failure of the committee to arrive at an agreement, the following are appointed as a new Conference Committee on said amendment, to wit :

Messrs. Jordan of Jasper, Swift, of Elbert, and Slaton of Fulton.

The following are appointed as Conference Committeemen on the part of the House on the Senate amendments as follows, to House bill No. 139 :

Amendments adding questions to tax payers—Messrs. Brandon, Johnson of Bartow, and Longino.

On amendment to “banking” clause—Messrs. Chappell, Freeman and Park of Greene.

On circus tax—Messrs. McLaughlin, Hall and Lane of Sumter.

The House has adopted the report of the Joint Conference Committee on Senate amendment to House bill No. 139, in regard to the support and maintenance of the Geological Department.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof :

*Mr. President :*

The House has concurred in the Senate amendments to House bill No. 408, to wit :

A bill to amend and consolidate the laws governing the inspection of fertilizers, and for other purposes.

The House has also concurred in, by substitute, to the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit :

A resolution providing for a joint committee to investigate the head of the Geological Department.

The House has also concurred in the following joint resolution of the Senate, to wit:

A resolution that the Governor be authorized to purchase a State flag for the Third Georgia Regiment Volunteers, and for other purposes.

*Mr. President:*

The Conference Committee on behalf of Senate to confer with a committee appointed from the House of Representatives to consider the appropriation to the Rock College, have agreed to make the appropriation \$16,000 for each of years 1899 and 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

ED. L. WIGHT, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The following message was received from the House, through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the report of the Conference Committee on Senate amendment to House bill No. 139, to that part referring to appropriation for "Rock College."

The Senate has concurred in the House substitute to Senate resolution No. 27

The following resolutions were read and unanimously adopted:



By Mr. Steed—

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be requested to secure a portrait of the Hon. Wm. A. Dodson to adorn the walls of the Senate chamber.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Senate be extended to the Hon. Chas. S. Northen, his assistant, Hon. Chas. P. Hansell, and his worthy corps for the able manner in which they have performed their duties.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

The House has adopted the report of the Conference Committee to consider Senate amendments to the General Tax Act; the Senate receding from amendment 18, and the House receding from its position in refusing to concur in amendments Nos. 16 and 17

*Mr. President:*

The undersigned Conference Committee on the part of the Senate to consider the difference between the Senate and House as to the amendments of the Senate to the General Tax Bill, beg leave to report that the Conference Committee recommend as follows:

1st. That the Senate do concur in the amendment of the House to the Senate amendment to paragraph 14 of section two of said bill, said paragraph referring to circuses and shows.

2d. That the House recede from its refusal to concur in amendments Nos. 16 and 17

3d. That the Senate recede from its insistence on amendment No. 18.

4th. With reference to the Senate proviso to section 12 as to the tax on banks, your committee have been unable to agree, and we beg to be discharged and that another conference committee as to that section be appointed.

Respectfully submitted.

R. T. FOUCHÉ, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President :*

The House has reconsidered its action in refusing to recede from its refusal to concur to the Senate amendment to section 12 of the General Tax Act, and concurs in said amendment.

Mr. King, Chairman of the Enrollment Committee, submitted the following report :

*Mr. President :*

The Committee on Enrollment reports as duly enrolled signed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, the following Acts.

An Act to reduce and regulate the fees of Notaries Public and other officers in this State.

Also, an Act to amend section 1107 of volume 3 of the Code of Georgia, providing for the payment of sheriffs' fees.

Also, an Act to allow county officers of this State until the first day of January to make their bonds.

Also, an Act to amend section 3950 of the Civil Code of 1895.

Also, an Act to dispense with a motion for new trial and filing brief of evidence.

Also, an Act to amend section 341 of the Code of Georgia.

Also, an Act to fix the number of committeemen to visit the various institutions of this State.

Also, an Act to amend an Act incorporating the town of Newton, in the county of Baker.

Also, an Act to amend section 2835 of the Code of 1895, relative to the approval and recording of homesteads.

Also, an Act to amend section 5401 of volume II of the Code of 1895.

Also an Act to reduce the sheriff's bond of Dougherty county.

Also, an Act to amend an Act creating a Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Albany.

Also, an Act to change the time of holding Superior Courts in the Cherokee circuit.

Also, an Act appointing commissioners to consent in behalf of the State to the erection of a new union passenger station on the State's property in the city of Atlanta.

Also, an Act to establish the city court of Albany, in Dougherty county.

Also, an Act to amend section 2636 of the Code of Georgia.

Also, an Act to amend section 5541 of the Code, relative to bills of exceptions.

Also, an Act to provide who may redeem property sold at tax sales.

Also, an Act to amend paragraph 7 of section 107 of the Code, relative to providing for a judge in cases where the presiding judge is disqualified.

Also, an Act to amend an Act to provide for the condemnation of private property for public use.

Also,

An act to amend section 1 of an act regulating life insurance in this state.

Also,

An act to amend section 107 of Vol. 1 of the Code of 1895.

Also,

An act to amend section of the Code No. 2867, relative to the record of schedules of exempted property.

Also,

The following resolutions, to wit :

A resolution appointing a committee to meet the Alabama Legislature.

Also,

A resolution authorizing the Superintendent of the Asylum to deliver William Schwarz to Chatham county

Also,

A resolution appointing a committee to investigate the Geological department.

Also,

A resolution to authorize the Governor to appoint a commission to determine the true boundary line between Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Also,

A resolution to more fully investigate the State Sanitarium.

Also,

A resolution to authorize the Governor to purchase a flag for the Third Georgia Regiment.

Respectfully submitted.

C. N. KING, Chairman.

The following resolution was read and adopted.

By Mr. West.—

Resolved, that the Secretary of the Senate notify the House of Representatives that the Senate has completed its labors and is now ready to adjourn sine die.

The following message was received from the House through Mr. Boifeuillet, the Clerk thereof:

*Mr. President:*

I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House having completed the business of the session, is now ready to adjourn, sine die.

Upon motion of Mr. Brannen, the Senate adjourned.



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